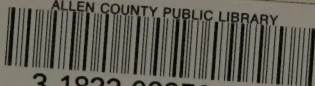


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KEEPING A DIARY

Few men undertake the real labor of keeping a diary, and of those who make the start there are still fewer who persevere, over a long period of years, in the daily grind of forcing one's self to go to his desk when there are always so many other things that must be done.

The diary that is here put into print for the first time differs from the usual nature of such efforts in that it is not merely a record of the personal interests and experiences of the author, but that it is rather a picture of the daily life of the community in which he lived and of the larger area in which he circulated by reason of the nature of his business and other activities.

The author also kept his eye upon the affairs of the nation and of the world, and commented upon them as he saw fit.

THE ESTLACK (later EASTLACK) FAMILY IN NEW JERSEY

Francis Estlack, the first of the family of that name to migrate to America, lived in Devonshire, England, during the reign of Charles I. He was a Quaker and proclaimed his views and doctrines among the people. He and other members of the sect were thrown into jail when they refused to render military service and were fined when they did not attend church services on Sundays. He removed his family to the Bermudas, in 1660, but there met with the same annoyances.

Again he moved, with his family, and became a member of the Newton Colony, then beginning to build their homes and futures in what we now know as Camden and Gloucester counties. Just across the Delaware, William Penn and his party of Friends were setting up housekeeping in their new city of Philadelphia. Francis Estlack had eight children, six of whom were born in the Bermudas. The line of descent to the diarist is as follows:

Joseph Estlack, (son of Francis), married 1698, Ann Powel; they had four children.

Francis, (son of Joseph), 1707-1783; married, 1733, in Woodbury Meeting, Phebe Driver, daughter of Samuel Driver and his wife, who was Sarah Eglington. They had eight children. Francis Estlack purchased a tract of 200 acres on Mantua Creek, covering the site of the present town of Mantua, and lived there until his death. He was the great-grandfather of John C. Eastlack, the author of the diary.

Samuel Eastlack, (son of Francis), Born 1740 - Died 1798. He married Mary Turner and they raised a family of five children on the farm which was left to him by his father. He was one of the first members of the Methodist Church, at Bethel. His gravestone and that of his wife still stand near the site of the first church in the old part of the graveyard.

Amos Eastlack, (son of Samuel), was born 1768, died 1833; married first Sarah Scott, by whom he had eight children. She having died, he married Rachel Cawman, by whom he had four children. He lived on the farm which he inherited from his father, and is also buried, with his family, at Old Bethel.

JOHN CAWMAN EASTLACK

John C. Eastlack was born in 1808 and was the son of Amos by his second wife. His youth was spent at the paternal home, a farm of 200 acres within the village of Carpenter's Landing. He enjoyed such advantages as the district schools afforded and acquired a thorough knowledge of farming under the instruction of his father.

Upon coming of age in 1829, he made an engagement with a ship-builder to learn the art of building ships. Later he acquired an already existing shipyard on the south bank of Mantua creek, including a dwelling in which he and his bride lived and began the raising of a family. This tract of six acres lies between Norris and Turner streets, and is presently the home of Mrs. Alice Trippe.

Near the house there yet stands an ancient walnut tree, upholding a huge Wistaria which entwines the trunk and branches like a mythological python. This may sound like exaggeration, but is not. Mr. Eastlack planted the Wistaria by the side of the walnut tree when he first began to live there, more than a hundred years ago.

For twenty years he constructed vessels by contract. With the advent of steam vessels and railroads he found a wider field in the manufacture of pumps and become locally famous in that line. In 1853, he purchased one hundred and six acres of land on the Woodbury-Mullica Hill turnpike, one mile south of Carpenter's Landing, at the top of the long hill, on the right. Here he cleared the trees away and provided space for his home and other buildings. Here he continued the manufacture of pumps and at the same time operated the farm, assisted by his sons. At this period he began the keeping of a daily diary, making the first entry on March 1, 1854.

The present (1952) owner of the farm is Mr. Isaac M. Jones, who has resided there with Mrs. Jones, for 50 years.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Eastlack held the office of Justice of the Peace from 1848 to 1855, during which period he performed fifteen marriage ceremonies. The records of the causes tried before him cover 220 pages in his Docket Book, recorded in his own handwriting.

In 1866, he sold his pump tools to his eldest son, Amos, who continued the making of pumps in Harrisonville. Mr. Eastlack continued to

operate his farm until 1873, when he removed with his wife to a new home in the village in which he was born, the name of which had been officially changed, in 1866, from Carpenter's Landing to Mantua.

On March 18, 1873, he made the following entry in his diary: "Today we moved into our new home in Mantua, in which we have prepared to spend the remainder of our days, God Permitting."

Mr. Eastlack married Sarah D. Chew in 1829. She died in 1834, leaving three young children. In 1835, Mr. Eastlack married Elizabeth

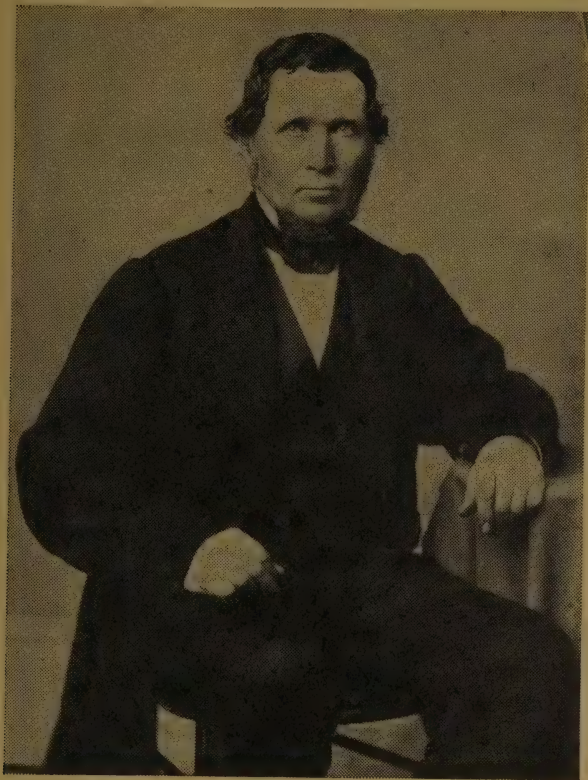


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JOHN CAWMAN EASTLACK

W. Fletcher, of Woodbury. They lived to celebrate their golden wedding, and six of their ten children lived to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversaries with their respective wives and husbands.

Mr. Eastlack died Oct. 13, 1888, at the age of 80 years. His wife survived him by six years, her age 82 years.

Volume I

JOHN C. EASTLACK'S DIARY

1854

Mar. 1—Today self and men making pumps at home. The day very pleasant. Family all well through favor.

Mar. 2—Today self and men took one pump to Swedesboro and another to Mrs. Isaac Turner, near Sculltown (now Auburn). Turner's is 63 feet of log; spear 27 feet 8 inches.

Mar. 3—Finished pump and took it to William Waters at Mullica Hill.

Mar. 5—Sunday afternoon, meeting at our place. Jonathan Force licensed to exhort by Rev. Joseph Ashbrook.

Mar. 6—Self and man went to Millville, 30 miles, to make pumps. Arrived at George Cawman's at 12 M. In afternoon made and put in a pump and bored 12 feet of another.

Mar. 9—Arrived home after 3 days making pumps in Millville.

Mar. 12—This morning (Sunday) went to meeting at 12th Street, Philadelphia and took dinner with Richard W. Eastlack.

Mar. 16—Self and men falling timber on wood lot near Mullica Hill.

Mar. 17—This forenoon pump doctoring. P.M. went to edge of Salem County and purchased some pump logs.

Mar. 18—Very cold. Icicles hanging in pump box at 12 M.

Mar. 19—Sunday. Went to Mullica Hill to witness baptism of five persons by immersion. Ice along the shores. This evening, meeting at our place.

Mar. 23—Sowed my clover seed and had it harrowed in.

Mar. 24—Took a pump to Leonard Abbott, above Glassboro and one to William P. Eastlack at Williamstown.

Mar. 25—Today went to Philadelphia by way of Gloucester. Creek at Woodbury frozen over. Family all well through favor.

Mar. 27—Rev. Ed. Page put up with us at night.

Mar. 28—Took pump to Jos. Leap, Swedesboro.

Mar. 30—Commenced to snow at 9 A.M., and snowed quite smart all the rest of the day.

Mar. 31—Took pump to Amos Cattell at Almonesson.

April 1—Today went to Philadelphia. Evening at Trustees meeting at Carpenter's Landing.

April 2—Sunday. Went to meeting at Clarksboro.

April 3—Forenoon went to woodlots at Jessup's Mill. Afternoon attended to some law business. Evening meeting at C. Landing. Ground hard frozen. Women's clothes frozen hard on line.

April 4—Went to Taylor Haines' and made him a pump.

April 7—Delivered pump to Mullica Hill and repaired two pumps in forenoon. Afternoon took two to Glassboro. Evening visiting the sick.

April 8—Went to Philadelphia by way of Paulsboro and settled with Philip S. Baker. Paid him \$91. for pump logs and lumber, up-to-date.

April 10—Wife of Thomas A. Chew deceased today.

April 11—Today at home. Self and one man made 48½ feet of pump.

April 12—Men planting potatoes for the first this year.

April 13—Today took a pump to Mr. Cummings near Mechanicsville 68 feet of log, three splices of 18 inches each. Spear 32 feet 6 inches from top end to end of box. Also took one to John Pratt, 41 feet long.

April 14—This forenoon went to Swedesboro for a horse-power saw-mill. Benjamin Wood deceased today.

April 16—Heavy snow all day. Self and family completely weather-bound. The most severe snow storm I ever saw at this time of year.

April 17—Still snowing and blowing from N.E. with occasional hailing quite hard and then raining and then snowing. Self and John (his son) took a sleigh ride. At bed time still snowing hard and fast. All well through favor. Benjamin Wood buried today.

April 18—Cloudy but cleared off during forenoon. Snow banks two or three feet but gone by night except the banks. Afternoon pleasant but cool. (My mother often told me of going sleighing on the 18th of April. She was then 12 years of age. ED.)

April 19—Cold. Snow banks frozen enough to bear a horse where snow was a foot or more deep.

April 21—took two pumps to B. Wilkins at Mullica Hill.

April 24—took pump to Elijah Bower near Swedesboro. Snow banks still lying about.

April 28—Heard first whippoorwill. Took two pumps to Joel Wood, Esq. and one to his son Edmond. Arrived home about 5½ P. M.

April 29—Rainy. Self and two men hewed, bored and made two pumps, one 25 feet and the other 26 feet.

April 30—Sunday. Organization of the Sunday School at the Landing. Afternoon, meeting at the Landing.

May 1—This morning had plaster sowed on the clover, and took a pump to William Beckett at the Landing.

May 2—took pump to Cooper Champion, below Swedesboro.

May 6—took pump to Thos. H. Coles near Mechanicsville, 62 feet long.

May 11—Put in pump for John M. Kitchen at the Landing.

May 12—Made 29½ foot pump for John S. Heaton. Commenced at 9.45 and had it in by 6 P. M.

May 15—Went to Howell's fishery and bought 100 shad for \$12.00.

May 16—Went to Samuel Kesler's and made him a pump 32 feet long. Home before sunset.

May 17—Isaac Murphy deceased today. Hydrophobia, result of being bitten by dog. George Driver also bitten at the same time.

May 20—Visited brother James S. Eastlack.

May 21—Visited by William Mankin and family.

May 22—Today, grinding law. Had three suits on hand and one twelve men jury. Went out about 8 o'clock, P. M. and returned with their verdict at one o'clock in the morning of the 23d.

May 23—Went to Henry Jackson's and made and put in a pump.

May 24—Went to Salem County for pump logs.

May 26—Went to Philadelphia and bought \$47.63 worth of books for Carpenter's Landing Sunday School. Sold my load of potatoes for \$1.50 per bushel. Sun in eclipse about 2½ hours.

May 27—Attended Quarterly Meeting at Woodbury. Took dinner with James L. Gibbs.

May 29—Made a rudder for Samuel Lock's new vessel. The day warm and fine for things to grow.

Mrs. Mary Thompson, wife of Jesse B. Thompson, deceased today.

May 30—At home, hewing frame for cow house.

June 2—Went to John W. Downs' and made a new top stick for his pump. White frost this morning in some places.

June 3—Man spreading lime on buckwheat ground.

June 5—Pump for Isaac Stephenson. Raising addition to my barn.

June 8—Helped to raise Methodist Church at Glassboro, 42 x 65 feet on the ground, 31 feet post.

June 9—Set out some sweet potato plants.

June 14—Bought 65 pump logs from 12 to 42 foot each, of Carlton P. Stokes at 16 cents per foot. Total am't of bill \$221.92.

June 26—In afternoon, attended to nine law suits. Tried six, adjourned one, settled one and dismissed one.

June 28—Mrs. Nancy Chew died of palsy. Jacob Haines, near Mount Ephraim, died as result of a fall in his barn.

July 3—Rev. Mr. Shuck died last night. Mrs. A. S. Barber, of Woodbury died this afternoon (cholera). She was in her place at Church yesterday.

July 4—With Brother Ashbrook, went to Gabriel Iszard's and paid \$510. to John Swope to satisfy the debt he had against the M. E. Church at the Landing.

July 10—Wife of Samuel Coles, of Woodbury, and Mr. John D. Scott of Woodbury, died today of cholera.

July 13—Mrs. Nelson Thompson, Woodbury died of cholera.

July 14—Mrs. Whiley of Woodbury, died of cholera.

July 19—Men harrowing buckwheat and cutting oats. 104° in shade.

July 21—Today took a pump to ex-Governor Stratton at Swedesboro. The day very hot—at 3 P. M. it was 112° in the shade.

July 24—Last Saturday, Joseph Hughes, of Philadelphia, died of cholera.

July 27—Went to Camp Meeting near Paulsboro. In evening sowed turnips.

July 28—Attended Camp Meeting.

July 29—James Morgan died today of cholera. Lady taken with cholera at Camp Meeting yesterday died this morning.

August 1—Met with District Stewards at M. E. Church in Camden. Returned home by way of Red Bank. Most oppressive day in City I ever experienced. Cholera bad in Camden.

August 5—I am 46 years old today. Put in pump for Wm. Porch, repaired one for Samuel Iszard, put in one for William C. Mankin at Woodbury and repaired one for Benjamin Lord. Evening at home.

August 6—Sunday. Meeting at our place.

August 9—Finished getting out my wheat.

August 13—Sunday. Forenoon, meeting at Clarksboro, afternoon at Landing.

August 16—Crops suffering for lack of rain.

August 18—Took pump to Philadelphia to go to Mauricetown, Cumb. Co.

August 21—Michael Chew and his wife both died today of cholera.

August 24—Went to Long-a-coming to Quarterly Temperance Meeting. Dinner and tea with Joseph Hughes and family.

August 26—Self and men unloaded vessel load of pump logs from Delaware. Cost me 20 cents per foot on the wharf.

Sept. 3—Sunday. Stille Chew at meeting today, which is something new under the sun.

Sept. 4—Went to Millville today to make pumps and started for home at 2 P. M. on Sept. 9. Roads excessively heavy. This week I have made 150½ feet of new pumps and have hoisted out and bored two old pumps. The amount of my bills this week is \$82.75.

Sept. 14—Went to brother James for seed wheat.

Sept. 25—Making pumps all day and part of the night.

Sept. 27—Men husking, digging potatoes and plowing fallow ground.

Oct. 6—Went to Salem Co. and bought a lot of pump logs of John Haines.

Oct. 7 & 8—Attended local M. E. Conference at the Landing.

Oct. 14—Men finished husking. Seeding all done and round potatoes gathered.

Oct. 17—Finished cutting buckwheat.

Oct. 21—Mrs. E., Hannah R., John F., Charles F., and self went to Philadelphia on a shopping trip. Took dinner with R. W. Eastlack and family.

Oct. 22—At Sunday School at the Landing. I was called out to examine a lad of 12 or 13 years on a charge of shooting a man. I sent the boy to jail.

Oct. 26—Took 3 pumps to Gloucester City. Evening at Native American Meeting at the Landing.

Oct. 29—Mrs. Elizabeth Kerns died today.

Nov. 7—Attended Election at Barnsboro.

Nov. 12—Richard Batten buried.

Nov. 13—With Amos and Dutch John went to Millville to make pumps. Made 7 pumps, repaired others, and returned home on the 18th.

Nov. 28—Self and man making pumps at home, two men repairing pumps and one man hauling pump logs.

Nov. 29—Killed half of my hogs and made a pump. In evening cut up my hogs and salted them down.

Dec. 3—Sunday. Attended Church of the Sanctuary in Philadelphia.

Dec. 11—Killed balance of my hogs. In morning we had a scud of snow.

Dec. 21—Mrs. E. and self attended a "Giving Visit" to Rev. Joseph Ashbrook at Woodbury, our pastor.

Dec. 23—Went to Philadelphia; crossing bad, river full of ice.

Dec. 24—Mrs. Martha Chew, widow of the late Jesse C. Chew buried today at Glassboro.

Jan. 4—Attended a donation visit to Rev. Wm. Jefferis at Clarksboro.

Jan. 9—Uncle Stephen Clark died today.

Jan. 10—Helped to raise some horse sheds at the M. E. Church in Woodbury.

Jan. 14—Attended Trinity Church in Philadelphia. Sermon by Rev. James Sewell.

Jan. 30—Went to mouth of Oldman's Creek to buy pump logs.

Feb. 1—Went in woods to mark stuff for a vessel for John Daniels and William Beckett. Attended Wm. C. Tonkin's vendue and bought a large clock.

Feb. 2—Jonathan Peterson papering our dining room.

Feb. 4—William C. Tonkin died this morning, the result of injury by being thrown from his sulky. He lived some four hours after being hurt.

Feb. 5—Sold my horse Dandy to Nathan Chew and bought a bay horse Mike from Samuel A. Rockhill for \$150. James Cooper died today. Apoplexy.

Feb. 9—John Wesley Sparks deceased, son of William C. Sparks.

Feb. 13—Jesse Chew deceased today, son of Nathan Chew.

Feb. 19—Insured against fire, \$1400 on my house, \$500. on my barn and \$200. on the contents of barn in the Cumberland Company, for 10 years. Cost in cash \$14.25.

Feb. 22—Today the Prohibition Liquor Law was defeated in the Senate by a vote of ten to nine.

Feb. 27—Trying to collect bill but the funds seem to be frozen all up. The day very cold.

March 3—Went to market with potatoes, butter, etc. Got for potatoes 1.15 to 1.25 per bu., and for butter, 31 cents. Eggs were 31.

March 11—Keziah Ashcraft deceased.

March 14—Attended Town Meeting at the Landing. Jacob S. Bender and John M. Kitchen elected Justices of the Peace. by Know Nothing party. The meeting resolved to raise \$500. for school purposes. Heretofore they had only raised \$100.

March 21—Joseph Porch deceased.

March 29—Ground frozen so hard we could not plow.

April 6—Legislature of New Jersey adjourned today after a session of little profit to the Commonwealth.

April 9—Sowing clover seed. Bought sweet potato seed @ \$1.50 per basket.

April 11—Today in Philadelphia getting vessel loaded with manure. 120 loads @ 75 cents per load.

April 13—Unloaded vessel of manure.

April 18—Got 40 bushel of corn at 90 cents at Battentown. Last Saturday got 6 bu. @ \$1.00 each at Jessup's Mill. Mercury 92° in shade.

June 15—During the period from this date to May 24, 1855 Mr. Eastlack, with his son Amos and employees put in pumps for Joseph L. Reeves and Dr. Joseph C. Weatherby, at Clarksboro; Jesse Chew, near Bee's Corner; Charles Shoemaker, Hider, near Chews Landing; Theophilus G. Cump-ton, Morristown; Mr. Nailor of Red Bank; William Clark, Ex-Governor Stratton, (at Swedesboro) Joseph Richard, at Bridgeport; Marmaduke Wood, at Woodbury; John B. Sutton, Arthur Brown, at Blackwoodtown; Samuel Eastlack, Charles Kaign, in Camden; William Porch near Franklinville, Joseph Cassaday, near Porchville; Hiram T. Paul, at Swedesboro; Joel Packer, John McClure, Batten's School House, below Mullica Hill; William G. Groff, Swedesboro; William and Robert Stretch 3 miles below Swedesboro; Taylor Haines, near Swedesboro; John Eyles, Woodbury; Washington Manufacturing Company, at Gloucester; Patrick Flanagan, Benjamin T. Haines near Clements Bridge; James Beatte on the Ferry Road from Chews Landing; Mark Rulon and Seth Leap, of Swedesboro; Rev. Graham at Woodbury; William Martin, Gloucester; James Whitehead near Williamstown; William Stewart, James Tweed at Fairview; Jeremiah Adams on the Raccoon; G. S. Twitchell at his new home at the Landing; R. F. Springer at the mouth of Raccoon Creek; Stephen G. Porch at Porchville; Jeremiah Adams, Richard Davis in Camden County; Isaac Clark at the Lake; Joseph Lashley, John G. Rosenbaum at Malaga; Hiram Abbott, Edward Brewer and Thomas Coles, both of Camden County; Joseph Hendrickson at the Landing; Mark Heritage, John Schubert in Camden County; Jonathan Chrispin in Salem Co.; Chalkley Coles near Harrisonville; John S. Glover near Mount Ephraim; Moses Bradshaw, John Burt of Whig Lane; Dayton Riley in Salem County; William Coles in Salem County; Joseph I. Smallwood in Camden County; Thomas Wolf, Mrs. Sarah Howey, near Almonesson; Charles Wilkinson near Woodbury; John E. Barns near the edge of Salem Co. (pump 51¼ feet long); John W. Hazleton, Matthew Gill, Paulsboro; John Hewett on the Crim place near Paulsboro; Mrs. Mary Cheasman near Center Square; William Holmes (28

feet); Wesley Budd near Mount Ephraim; John G. Barns (near edge of Salem County 59 feet long); Isaac Hamilton of Deerfield (26½ feet); William Simpkins in Salem Co. (26½ feet); Mrs. Mary C. Parker, Pole Taxern (21½ feet); William Beckett, in Salem Co. (39 feet); Arthur Brown of Blackwood; Samuel Johnson, of Salem Co.; William Stephenson, Richard Stephenson; Fire Company of Woodbury (2 pumps); Jonathan Colson, Nathan T. Stratton, Mullica Hill (28 feet); James Burrough, Thomas Wolfe, Thomas Stratton, John T. Bower, Franklin Denn and William Beckett, all of the Landing; George Cruthers of Salem Co.; John Smith of Salem Co. (36 feet); George Cheasman of Blackwood; James Taggart (64 feet); William Martin of Mullica Hill (32½ feet); John Shute (23 feet); James H. Hughes below Red Lion; B. B. Shuster, William Myers, near B. B. Shuster on the Newbold farm; Isaac Adcock at Mullica Hill; James L. Gibbs, Malachi Horner near Pedricktown; John Hains, Clement Whitall, Joseph R. Norris of the Landing; Glassboro Academy, George Fox (65 feet); Joseph Iszard of Glassboro (20½ feet); Taylor Hains, Joseph S. Garrison, Mrs. Brown at Red Bank; T. Paulding of Salem Co.; Asher Turner, I. Adams at Raccoon; James S. Eastlack, Francis A. Campbell (29 feet), Charles Snowden, David C. Thorn, above Blackwoodtown; George Ramel, at Watson's Corner (37½ feet); David Gartens, Mr. Janvier near Daretown (32 feet); James Watson at Watson's Corner (47 feet). There were many other pumps made and put in place, at least one every day, and in many instances two, three or four the same day.

April 26—Helped Rev. N. Edwards move from Blackwoodtown to Woodbury.

April 28—Attended to arbitration between Stille Chew and Jonathan Hendrickson with regard to a division line.

May 1—John Swope deceased at about 12 o'clock M.

May 3—Went to Howell's fishery for some shad. They were \$14.00 per hundred.

May 5—Bought 100 shad at Howell's fishery. Came home and cleaned and salted them, prepared for the Sabbath and retired to bed.

May 6—Morning went to Clarksboro to meeting. Afternoon, Meeting at Landing.

May 11—Went to Samuel Nelson's, three miles below Franklinville to buy some pump logs.

May 30—Today Jesse B. Thompson of Old Bethel was married to Mrs. Brick of Gloucester City.

June 2—Drawing a draft of a vessel for Samuel Eastlack. The night very rainy. We have not had so good a rain for a long time. Thank the Lord for his goodness to our falling race.

June 21—Today the M. E. Church at Paulsboro was dedicated. Subscriptions amounted to \$2300. The debt in the morning was \$2500.

June 29—Went to near the mouth of Oldman's Creek to attend the loading of a vessel with pump logs bought of Samuel and Jacob Holmes. Temperature 102° in shade.

July 2—Self and men finished getting our clover hay. 13 loads. Men commenced to cut my grain. Have 20 acres. Pay \$1.50 per acre for cutting and binding.

July 3—Unloaded the vessel load of pump logs.

July 4—Went to Mullica Hill to see the Fourth. Large gathering.

July 11—Mrs. Elizabeth Lutze deceased today.

July 14—Helped James Taggart raise his house near Clarksboro. 20 x 40 feet. Three stories.

July 19—Thomas Davidson, Sr. deceased, aged 76. For 52 years a Methodist and 50 years a class leader.

July 22—John R. Cooper deceased near Bridgeport.

July 23—Sowed my buckwheat and rye.

July 24—Took my man to Oldman's Creek to bring up raft of pump logs.

July 25—Thomas McIlvain started with the raft.

July 27—Self and girls went to a Temperance Meeting at Mullica Hill.

July 30—Team hauling pump logs from the Landing.

August 2—Getting log raft out of the Creek.

August 7—Went to Franklinville and paid Samuel Nelson \$42.32 for pump logs.

August 9—Attended the Election of Directors for the Gloucester County National Bank. The following gentlemen were elected:

William R. Tatem, President;	John M. Saunders
Amos J. Peaslee	John M. Watson
Joseph Jessup	Carlton P. Stokes
Woodward Warrick	John G. Rosenbaum
Samuel Black, Jr.	James W. Caldwell was elected Cashier.

August 10—Men hauling hay.

August 16—Attended State Temperance Society Meeting in Camden.

August 29—Great accident on the Camden & Amboy Railroad. 24 persons killed and 40 or 50 wounded, some of whom have since died.

Sept. 14—Took a pump to exhibit at State Fair in Camden.

James Rufus Eastlack born Sept. 13, at 4 A. M.

Sept. 15—This week made and put in seven pumps. Their united length is 1671½ feet, and took them from 4 to 13 miles each.

Sept. 19—Mrs. Sarah Morgan, widow of George Morgan, deceased today.

Sept. 21—My pump took the first prize at the Camden State Fair as the best pump for farm purposes.

Sept. 29—Self and men put in 8 pumps this week. Made seven.

Oct. 4 & 5—Men gathering sweet potatoes and buckwheat.

Oct. 8—Aunt Rebecca Clark died.

Oct. 9—We now have 596 baskets of sweet potatoes in the cellar.

Oct. 14—Self and men thrashing out buckwheat.

Oct. 17—At work among the pumps.

Oct. 23—Men at work among the corn.

Oct. 31—Men finished gathering stalks.

Nov. 6—James S. Albertson elected to the Assembly.

Nov. 12—Samuel Coles and Mrs. Sarah Thompson both of Woodbury were married this evening.

Nov. 14—Charles Wesley Lock deceased, son of Chas. W. and Rebecca Lock.

Nov. 30—Met the Committee at the Almshouse. The Committee set their price for Pork at \$9.00 per hundred for 12000 pounds.

Dec. 1—Edward Duffield deceased in his 84th year.

Dec. 6—Self and one man took a pump 33 feet to George Atkinson and hoisted out his pump at the house and bored it and put in a copper chamber and trimmed it up and put it in and put the new one in at his barn, and then went to William Morgan's farm, the old Dawson place and took

out his pump, the well some 40 feet and then went to John Summers on Manuta Creek and took out his pump and home about sunset.

Dec. 8—Thomas McElda deceased this morning suddenly.

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Jan. 6—Sunday. Deep snow. In afternoon went to meeting at the Landing, but no meeting did we find.

Jan. 7—This forenoon self and men made a sleigh. Afternoon took it and went a-sleighing to Glassboro. Sleighing very good.

Jan. 8—Mrs. Hildeman, wife of Allen H., deceased this morning.

Jan. 15—Riding around buying pump logs.

Jan. 16—Wife of John M. Snowden deceased this morning.

Jan. 26—This morning Samuel Rockhill's barn was burnt, with two horses, two or three cows, etc. The work of an incendiary.

Feb. 2—Today Congress elected Mr. Banks as Speaker, after two months of balloting.

Feb. 10—Sunday. Meeting at Landing in the morning. Went to meeting at Mullica Hill in afternoon, and Landing in evening.

Feb. 22—Self and men making pumps at home. We have been stopped three weeks by the cold weather.

Feb. 23—Went to B. Pugh in Phila. to buy pump bitts.

Feb. 27—Took load of sweet potatoes to Philadelphia and sold them for \$2. per barrel.

March 12—Attended out Township Meeting. The Know Nothings elected all the officers by about 30 majority.

March 14—Dr. Bond deceased.

March 15—Terrible Steamship Disaster. The ferry boat New Jersey burnt and some fifty lives lost, burnt and drowned. The boat left Walnut St. wharf for Camden about 8.30 P. M. and the canal being so full of ice, the captain decided to go around the island, when he discovered the boat on fire. Every effort was made to save the lives of the passengers, but the fire made such rapid progress that both engineer and pilot had to leave their stations and left a full load of steam on. Many jumped into the river to drown in preference to being roasted alive.

March 20—Amos T. Eastlack (his son) and Miss Mary Thompson married.

March 24—Helped John C. Clark move to Franklinville.

March 27—Setting out maples and apple trees.

April 2—Amos and self went to Benjamin Cloud's and made him a pump.

April 7—Mr. Nevaling at the Barnsboro toll-house deceased with palsy.

April 9—My man finished sowing clover seed.

April 10—Had my hot-bed put out.

April 16—This evening heard the first whippoorwill.

April 23—The girls wonderfully disappointed. They wanted to go to singing school and it rained and they could not go, no-no-no!

April 25—Amos and self have in two days made a pump 87 feet long in 5 logs for Mr. Hiram Morgan. The logs were sawed, bored and the pumps completed in two days.

April 26—Put in Hiram Morgan's pump. It stands 81 feet, spear 49 $\frac{1}{4}$ feet and it works so well a child can pump it.

April 27—Attended funeral of Smith Richards.

May 1—Rev. A. S. Chew and Miss Mary Johnson married today.

May 10—Went to wood lot in Salem County and marked 71 trees for pumps. Their united length is 1766 feet @ 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per foot. Bought of William Snowden.

May 15—Went to Salem County and bought a lot of pump logs from Samuel Dean.

Mrs. Hannah Hazlett, widow of the late William Hazlett, deceased today.

May 16—Put in two pumps for the Fire Company in Woodbury.

May 18—Attended meeting in M. E. Trinity Church in Philadelphia.

May 21—Dr. Sickler's son John R., deceased this morning.

May 31—Mrs. Ann Dilks deceased (of Mullica Hill).

Mrs. Rhoda Snowden, of Mullica Hill, deceased. Aged about 97 years.

June 9—Self and men cutting pump logs in Salem County.

June 11—Self and Amos went to George Avis's below Daretown, and scored, hewed and bored 41½ feet of oak pump.

June 12—Finished and put in pump for Mr. Avis and arrived home at a quarter past 3 P. M.

June 13—Went to Mullica Hill in evening to hear Mrs. Fairchild lecture on Temperance. She did it well.

June 16—William Mickle deceased this morning at one o'clock.

July 4—Eighty years since the American Independence. Afternoon went to the woods with the Sunday School of Carpenter's Landing. Provisions furnished gratis for over 500 persons.

July 15—Helped West Jessup to raise his barn on the Carpenter property and finished hauling in my wheat.

July 22—Benjamin B. Batten killed by omnibus running over him.

July 31—Sarah E. Eastlack (his daughter) and Samuel D. Lodge married today.

August 5—Today I am 48 years old and enjoy good health through favor.

July 9—Attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary Fletcher, widow of the late William Fletcher.

July 14—Mrs. E., and self went to Philadelphia to buy some articles for Sarah Elizabeth to begin housekeeping with.

July 21—Sarah Elizabeth and her husband moved today, that is commenced to keep house.

July 28—Hannah Ann Lock and William Rice married today.

July 31—Quarterly Meeting at our place.

Sept. 2—Mrs. E. and some of the children went to Philadelphia today. Bought John a watch, etc.

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Oct. 5—Bought 6 pigs at Joseph S. Bolton's vendue at Swedesboro.

Oct. 7—Commenced to sow my wheat and finished getting in our potatoes.

Oct. 10—Bought of Samuel Steward a sow and nine pigs for \$25.00. Thomas Iredell, Jr., killed this morning by the running away of his horse.

Oct. 14—took a pump to Bridgeport to Mr. Jos. Cahaley.

Oct. 16—Put in pump for Woodbury Fire Co. in front of Thomas Glover's.

Oct. 19—Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of William R. and Hannah Mankin, deceased. Funeral Oct. 20. Amos and self took a pump to Clarksboro, then went to Battentown and made a pump 23 feet long, put it in, and had it working a little after 3 o'clock; then went to Charles Clark's, two miles below Swedesboro, did an errand, and reached home by seven o'clock P. M.

Oct. 21—Husking and getting out buckwheat. Ice $\frac{1}{8}$ inch thick this morning.

Oct. 23—This morning we hauled and set up three loads of stalks, then Amos and self took three pumps and put in one at Woodbury, one at Westville and one at Gloucester City.

Oct. 29—Afternoon took Mary Emma, Francis Amanda, Charles and William to Josiah C. Spark's "Daguerrian Salon" and got their pictures, etc.

Oct. 30—Making pump at home to go to Mauricetown by way of a vessel from Philadelphia. Evening attended lecture on subject of Public Schools.

Nov. 3—Attended Election at the Landing. The following persons elected:

For Senate—Jeptha Abbott

For Assembly—John F. Thomas

For County Clerk—John L. C. Tatem

For Coroners—William Bowers, John S. Nolen, John B. Gray

Nov. 4—This evening about 7 o'clock some person unknown set fire to Benjamin Allen's barn. Three horses and all contents of the barn consumed. It was awful beyond description.

Nov. 6—Met with some 50 other persons for the purpose of finding out the incendiaries, but failed to get any clues.

Nov. 13—Made vessel pump for Samuel Lock.

Nov. 16—Amos and self went to Dilkesboro, made pump for John Lloyd. The log was 20 inches over at the top end. We scored, bored, made and put it in in seven hours, all complete. Home before night.

Nov. 21—Today Samuel D. Lodge bought the farm of the late Joseph Johnson, adjoining his father's farm at \$81.00 per acre, for fifty acres.

Nov. 30—Today riding around collecting bills or trying so to do. Evening at Extra Meeting.

Dec. 2—Today Mrs. E., Mary Emma and self went to Philadelphia shopping. Dined with Calvin (his son) and family. Returned home in evening.

Dec. 3—Helping brother Samuel Moore move on Allen S. Morgan's farm adjoining B. S. Lord and others.

Dec. 5—The black girl convicted yesterday for burning Mr. Allen's barn, pleaded guilty of also burning his other barn. She was sentenced to seven years in State Prison for one offence and from two to five years for the other.

Dec. 11—Put in pump 53 feet long for James Bell.

Dec. 14 & 15—Killing and cutting up hogs. Extra Meeting in evening.

Dec. 16—Attended dedication of new Methodist Church in Woodstown. Dined with uncle Amos Cawman and family.

Dec. 17—George M. Jessup deceased.

Dec. 18—Joseph Saunders deceased.

Dec. 27—Evening, meeting at the Landing. Some 5 or 6 forward for prayers and one or more converted. To God be all the Glory!

Dec. 28—Self riding to collect some bills. Poor luck as usual.

Dec. 29—Killing and cutting up hogs.

Jan. 4—Father-in-law John Fletcher deceased today. Buried at Woodbury, Jan. 7.

Jan. 5—Finished Mr. Benjamin S. Cheeseman's pump at Turnerville. 64 feet of log made and completed since 9 o'clock yesterday. Captain William Hoffman deceased. Funeral January 8.

Jan. 9—Mrs. Joseph Pedrick deceased at Woodbury.

Jan. 14—Amos and self took two logs for William Stephenson's pump on the old place. Evening at Prayer Meeting.

Jan. 25—Vendue on farm of late John Rambo.

Jan. 27—Today attended the vendue of the personal property of father-in-law John Fletcher.

Jan. 30—Bought of Dr. Joseph Fithian, 8 acres of meadow at Re-paupo @ \$60. per acre.

Feb. 2—Went to Phila. with load of potatoes. Sold @ \$1.00 per bu. Bought a barrel of best New Orleans molasses for .35¢ per gallon.

Feb. 3—Mr. Samuel Foreman committed suicide by shooting.

Feb. 5—Mr. Harry M. Garrigues deceased. Buried Woodbury Friends Burial ground.

Feb. 9—Rev. Beverly Waugh, Bishop of M. E. Church, deceased.

Feb. 15—Thomas Bee, Esq. of Union Cross Roads, deceased in his 79th year.

Feb. 21—Sunday. Went to Bethel to Meeting. Brothers Richard, William and Andrew, Rachel Anna, Hannah R. and John G. Fletcher. All of us went in the sleighs.

Feb. 22—This forenoon we visited brother Amos and family, and afternoon, brother Samuel and family.

Feb. 23—This forenoon visited brother James and family. Afternoon visited sister Maria West.

March 7—We had four wagonloads to dinner, viz: N. Chew & wife; Jesse B. Thompson & wife; John W. Lam (or Lane) & wife; Samuel Eastlack & Mary.

March 8—Heavy fall of snow. Sleighs running smoothly.

March 10—Today attended Town Meeting. There was a considerable number of sleighs there.

March 11—Left on a dunning excursion and did not get one cent. Bad luck to me today.

March 18—At William Miller's vendue at Gibbstown. Bought a yearling heifer of the Devon stock for \$13.50.

March 20—At Burrough Miller's vendue, bought a red cow, 8 to 10 years old for \$30.25.

March 22—Captain James Craig deceased on board of his vessel at the mouth of Mantua Creek. Funeral March 28.

March 23—Put in three pumps, one at Paulsboro, one at Dutch Fred's, on our old place, and one at Woodbury.

March 25—Helping Samuel D. Lodge to move to the Joseph Johnson farm adjoining his father's.

April 1—Went to Phila. to buy a vessel load of manure. Stopped all night with Calvin and Eliza.

April 6—Finished and put in 52 foot hard white oak pump for William Justice. John B. Miller, Esq. deceased.

April 7—John Ridgeway's barn with all its contents, including five valuable horses, destroyed by fire.

April 8—Made 43 foot pump for Robert Sterling near Bunker Hill.

April 9—Jacob Price, Esq. deceased.

April 16—Put in pump for G. M. Paul, Woodbury.

April 18—Mother Fletcher deceased. "In the midst of life we are in death."

April 19—John Mulford, Esq. deceased. Set out some pear trees bought at T. D. Brown's nursery.

May 4—Amos and self went to Stacy Hazleton's, thence to his woods and cut and hauled two pump logs, the two 30 feet long, scored, hewed, bored and made into a pump and put it in, all complete by 6 P. M.

May 13—Amos and self went to Mr. John Clark's near Swedesboro, made him a pump of chestnut 37½ feet long and started home about 5 P. M.

May 18—Miss Elizabeth Sparks married to Mr. James McQuade.

May 25—All hands burning brush on new ground on the northwest corner of the place.

June 1—Went to fishing place to buy shad. \$20.00 per hundred.

June 2—Finished planting some sweet potatoes.

June 6—Mr. John Pratt of Mechanicsville, buried his wife today.

June 15—Mrs. Mary Clark, wife of George C. Clark, deceased today.
Funeral 20th.

June 16—Finished pump for Joseph Leap, 52 feet long, all oak.

June 23—Amos and self finished two pumps, took them to the Landing and put them in. Came home and got in a large oak log, 20 feet long, made it into a pump, all complete and took it to Woodbury and put it in, arriving at home before sunset; got in another log to make it into a pump tomorrow.

June 28—Three men mowing and three making hay. Amos and self making pumps.

June 29—Today we put in a pump 51½ feet long for Joseph Turner.
July 2—Today Mrs. E. & self went to Phila. and bought the gravestones for Father-in-law, Mother-in-law and sister Rebecca Fletcher for the M. E. grave-yard at Woodbury. Mark Lloyd deceased. Proprietor and driver of Bridgeton stage.

July 3—Saturday Amos & self put in a pump at Clarksboro Academy, one for Josiah C. Sparks at the Landing and one for Abram Cowgill at Paulsboro, which with some repairing finished up the week. Evening at Class Meeting. John Cloud's barn was burnt this evening.

July 10—Self quite unwell. Had a turn of cholera-morbus last night. Still at work. Amos & self made a pump 11 feet long and took it to Joseph Linton near Barnsboro, and home at noon.

July 22—Put in pump for Lewis Livermore, 49 feet long.

July 23—Samuel Chester deceased.

July 24—J. Kemp Guipson of Woodbury, deceased.

July 26—Bought of Warner Cooper a bull, half-blood Devon stock \$25.00. George M. Paul deceased this morning.

July 27—Went to Repaupo for hay.

July 28—Cousin Elizabeth Harris wife of Charles Harris, deceased. Funeral on 28th in Salem County.

July 29—Put in a 33 ft. oak pump for Benjamin Gibbs, near Thoro-fare.

August 5—I am fifty years old today. Mr. Joseph Pedrick is 65 years old today.

August 6—Today the Atlantic Telegraph was landed on the American shore. THE GREATEST EVENT OF THE AGE.

August 10—Mrs. E. & self went to Market (Phila.) today with water-melons, corn, etc. Melons sold for 15 to 50 cents apiece. Picked our first watermelons today.

August 14—Mrs. E., Samuel D. Lodge and Sarah Elizabeth went to market today. Self and Amos at home making pumps.

August 16—Amos & self went to Mr. Lewis Atkinson's today. Went to his woods, cut a log and made him a pump 18 feet long and had it ready to go in at 12 o'clock. Put it in and came home and picked a load of melons.

August 17—Mrs. E. and Fletcher went to market, sold their melons at \$12.00 per hundred. Then we picked up and loaded again for tomorrow.

August 19—Amos & self put in pump for Jeremiah Sweeten. After-noon getting ready to go to market tonight with two wagons.

August 20—Today Mrs. E., Charles F. and self returned from Philadelphia market. Picked two loads of melons to go up tonight. Mrs. E., John F. and our Dutchman went with them.

August 21—Saturday. Mrs. E., John F. and the Dutchman went to market with melons. Amos and self making pump until 2 P. M. Then Amos and Kugler took pump to Josiah Dehart on the late John Newman's place near Glassboro.

Installed pumps for the following persons recently: Edwin Stokes (Woodbury); Charles Justice (below Swedesboro); Dutchtown school-house; John Mullen (Clonmell); Aaron Lock, Hiram Lock, J. G. Munyan (Paulsboro); Lewis V. Atkinson, Isaac C. Dilks (pump 27 feet long); John W. Hazleton (below Mullica Hill. Pump 18 feet long); Taylor Haines (near Swedesboro); Daniel and Ralph Gowdy (two pumps); Thomas Nash (near Timber Creek); William E. Heritage; Thomas Whitney (Glassboro); Jacob Fisler (Fislerville); Joseph H. Duffield (near Dilksboro); John Loder (Paulsboro); William Black (Swedesboro); Mrs. Clements (Paulsboro); Simon Sparks, Esq.; Richard Skinner (Glassboro); F. Diamond (Harrisonville); Thomas Leaming and Mrs. Henry Garrigues (Woodbury); Jonathan Cooney (Glassboro); Jonathan Peterson, 19 feet (Glassboro).

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August 7—This morning boys and self picked two wagon loads of melons. We took them to market in Philadelphia, and came home and picked another load and loaded it ready for market.

August 8—Took load of melons to market sold at \$25. to \$40. per 100. Boys at home making pump.

August 12—Mrs. E. and myself in market. Melons sold at \$10. to \$40. per 100. Citrons 45 to 50 cents per basket, butter 50 to 55 cents per lb. (Taking melons and other products to market occupied most of their time during the remainder of August. ED.)

Sept. 4—With son Charles F. went to woods for pump logs.

Sept. 6—Mrs. E. and self went with an excursion from Haddonfield to Long Branch, arriving at Long Branch at $\frac{1}{4}$ before one o'clock, P. M. Got our dinners for \$1.00 each. Promenading along the sea shore for awhile and left again for Haddonfield at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 4, arriving there at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9. The fare \$1.25 for the trip. We put up with Elijah West at Rowantown, near Haddonfield.

Sept. 7—(Thursday) Attended a Sabbath school convention to form a County Society.

Sept. 10—Sunday. Quarterly Meeting in A. M. In afternoon, funeral of Asa Linton.

Sept. 11—Sent the boys to make a pump for John W. Hazelton. They cut the tree, a good hard knotty white oak, made it and put it in, and home about sunset.

Sept. 25—Funeral of Sallie, wife of John D. Shute.

Oct. 3—Son Francis and self made and put in a pump for Asa Gardiner 30 feet long, out of a hard white oak log.

Oct. 5—John B. Jessup deceased.

Oct. 7—Self hauling two loads of logs from Whitney's woods below Glassboro.

Oct. 9—Boys and self making pumps. A lot of Dutch women digging potatoes, man ploughing, etc.

Oct. 13—Mrs. E., daughter Hannah, son William and self started at 4 A. M. for Tuckerton, to visit our son, Calvin (Rev. Calvin C. Eastlack) and family, arriving there at 5.45 P. M. having traveled some 65 to 68 miles. We missed our way, which cost us 6 or 8 miles.

Oct. 18—Started for home 10 minutes before 8, arriving home in just twelve hours. It rained all during the afternoon.

Oct. 19—Attended funeral of George Wilkerson, at Mullica Hill.

Oct. 22—Rev. Thomas Chew, deceased.

Oct. 23—Attended a wood sale on Jessup's Mill tract.

Oct. 29—Visited James Morgan in his sickness.

Oct. 30—Bought \$100. Government bond, 7-3/10%. In evening visited the sick and attended class-meeting.

Nov. 11—Went to Woodbury and got a \$1000 bond of the 7.30 issue. The day cold. Ice lay along the road.

Nov. 12—Attended funeral of James Morgan. He died Nov. 3.

Nov. 13—Attended wood sale. Repaired pump for Asa Gardiner.

Nov. 15—Attended wood sale with brother James near Mount Pleasant. Bought two lots of 1/2 acre each for \$36 and \$45.

Nov. 17—Sons John F., Charles F. and self went to Mr. Benjamin Brammel on river bank at Billingsport and put in for him 34 feet of pump.

Nov. 18—Mrs. E., son Charles F. and self went to Philadelphia shopping.

Nov. 19—Sunday. Extra meetings at the Landing commenced (and continued for three or more weeks.) Very successful. Many professed conversion.

Nov. 30—Attended timber sale near Barnsboro. Bought 1 lot for \$41.50.

Dec. 4—Mrs. E., Hannah, Rachel and self went to Phila. shopping. Mrs. Lidda Wallace, wife of Edward Wallace, deceased.

Dec. 6—John C. Packer deceased.

Dec. 7—Thursday. This morning at Meeting, it being the annual Thanksgiving Day Afternoon, self and wife went to Charles Locke's. Evening at meeting, preaching by Rev. Mark Heritage.

Dec. 9—Took mother to Brother Richards, in Phila. to spend the winter.

Dec. 10—Sunday. Quarterly meeting at the Landing. Love feast and good sermon by Rev. Mr. Bernard, of Woodbury. Evening preaching by the elder, Rev. Mr. Dobbins.

Dec. 23—William Ashbrook and James Rufus, (two of his sons), by over-persuading me, I let go to the pond at Jessup Mill, and William Ashbrook broke in and was drowned. Dear Little Boy, in his 13th year! He was in the water about 45 minutes, and was drowned, I think, a little before nine o'clock A. M.

Dec. 24—Sunday. This morning snowing. It soon turned to rain and was a very stormy day, our dear little Willie lying dead in the house. May God give us grace to sustain us under our severe affliction.

1866

Jan. 4—Boys and self took pump log to P. C. Thompson, on what used to be Hiram Morgan's farm and put it in his 65 ft well. Next to the bottom. There are 5 logs in the well for one pump.

Jan. 8—Today said to be the coldest in 30 years. Mercury in our village 8° below zero. In Phila. from 12° to 18° below.

Jan. 9—Helping S. D. Lodge fill his ice house, the ice 6 inches thick.

Jan. 15—Went to Glassboro. Took dinner with Mr. Richard G. Stanger and family. Afternoon went with Mr. Thomas H. Whitney to his woods and marked some logs for pumps.

Jan. 18—Helping brother Samuel kill his hogs.

Jan. 19—Had some company to entertain Nathan Chew and wife.

Joseph Moffett deceased in his 69th year (Funeral 22d).

Jan. 21—Attended funeral of Joseph and Anna Daniels.

Jan. 23—Took a vessel pump to J. C. Sparks at Berkley.

Feb. 6—Joseph Allen deceased. Funeral 10th.

Feb. 7—Assisted Samuel D. Lodge to kill and dress his hogs.

Feb. 27—Jesse Chew deceased (son of Elisha Chew).

March 21—Mrs. Sarah Ann Stafford deceased (funeral 25th).

March 23—Mrs. E. and self went to B. R. Moffett's, above Moores-town, to help move them to Swedesboro tomorrow.

March 27—Went to Camden to attend the Annual Confernce of the M. E. Church.

April 1—John Eggie deceased.

April 5—Rev. Isaac Hugg, deceased, full of faith and good works.

April 7—The Deering family of 8 persons murdered in Philadelphia.

April 28—Self and Mrs. E. took tea with Samuel Wallace and family.

May 15—Mrs. Jane Craig, deceased (funeral 20th).

May 29—General Winfield Scott deceased.

Anson S. Taylor and Rachel Anna Eastlack (his dau.) married at Tucker-ton by Rev. C. C. Eastlack (his son).

July 7—Two teams hauling grain, 14 loads.

July 13—Rev. Andrew S. Chew, deceased.

July 17—Attended funeral of Uncle Andrew S. Chew (102 in shade,
110 in sun).

July 22—John Lippincott deceased.

July 24—Today started mowing at Repaupo Meadows.

July 25—Jehu Smallwood died.

July 28—Completed mowing at Repaupo.

July 30—Hauling hay home. High wind blew one wagon and load of
hay completely over.

August 3—Brought balance of hay from meadow.

August 7—Went to Camp Meeting on John D. Turner's farm, near
Clark's Mill.

August 16—This forenoon went and bought some \$160 worth of
pump logs.

Sept. 16—John Lenard, Sr. deceased-cholera. Buried M. E. Church
at Clarksboro on the 19th.

Sept. 23—Brother Richard and wife, brother Andrew, Mrs. E. and self all went to Harrisonville to meeting and to my son Amos's to dinner.

Sept. 26—Family and self attending the Agricultural Fair on the lands of Mrs. Lodge (his daughter).

Sept. 27—Brother Andrew, Mrs. E., and self went to Vineland to attend its Fair and see the place of rapid growth. In from two to three years the inhabitants have reached the number of 9000.

Oct. 3—Jonas C. Chew deceased—cholera.

Oct. 5—Today we finished gathering our sweet potatoes. We have 556 baskets of large potatoes and John F. had 557 large ones to his share. I bought his share of the seed and I now have 409 baskets of seed, all told.

Oct. 9—Today sold pork for 17 cents, lard for 23 and butter for 53 per pound.

Oct. 25—Mrs. E., James R. and self started for Tuckerton. We stopped at Williamstown with Cousin Michael Criss and family all night.

Oct. 26—We reached home of our son Rev. Calvin C. Eastlack, in Tuckerton at 4 P. M.

Oct. 28—Sunday. Attended church of which he is pastor.

Oct. 31—Started from Tuckerton for home. Patrick Flanigan deceased. Cholera. Funeral Nov. 6 at Bethel.

Nov. 3—Mrs. James Glandon deceased. (funeral 6th).

Nov. 8—Mary wife of Joseph Richards, deceased in her 74th year.

Nov. 9—William E. Kay, deceased in his 62d year.

Nov. 11—Silas Richards, Sr., deceased in his 92d year.

Nov. 12—Charles F. (his son) commenced to go to school to Mr. Huff on our old place.

Nov. 19—THIS EVENING THE NAME OF OUR VILLAGE CHANGED FROM CARPENTERS LANDING TO MANTUA.

Nov. 21—This forenoon, assisting to lay out the new graveyard. Land was bought of Allen S. Morgan and Nimrod Woolerry, a little over three acres at \$200 per acre. The farm of the late Biddle Moffett was sold today at public sale to Nathan Pancoast, of Moorestown; 80 acres at \$152.50 per

acres. (The town of Woodbury Heights now occupies this tract.) Today the first train was run over the bridge across the Susquehanna river at Havre-de-grace. The bridge required four years and 1000 men to construct. John Moore deceased.

Nov. 28—Went to woods to mark pump logs. William Skinner deceased.

Nov. 30—Charles F. (his son) and self went to Philadelphia and entered Charles as a student in the Mr. Fairbank's College. Mrs. Jane Chew, wife of Elijah Chew, died about 3 A. M.

Dec. 1—Today killed my hogs for home use, 1356 lbs.

Dec. 2—Rusling S. Skinner today buried in the new Mantua Cemetery. the first body to be buried in the new yard, on the farm late Tonkin. Mrs. Elijah Chew was buried in the same yard immediately thereafter.

Dec. 6—John S. Turner deceased 6 A. M.

Dec. 9—Charles H. Bacon deceased, from a hurt.

Dec. 11—Killed hogs I had for sale and sold them, 1630 pounds to Edwin Starn.

Dec. 12—Amos, and self and man went to Benj. Cloud's near Red Bank and made him two pumps, united length 40 feet with one splice. Put them in and came home to supper. Bill \$29.70.

Dec. 16—The U. S. Ship, New Ironsides was burned this morning at League Island, opposite Red Bank, probably the greatest warship in the world.

Dec. 25—This is a most beautiful green Christmas.

Dec. 26—Today bought a bull. Paid \$34. for him.

Dec. 31—Sold my pump material to son Amos and my tools to son John F. and gave up the pump-making business after a little over 31 years of service.

1867

Jan. 1—Helping Benjamin Lodge to kill his 19 hogs, total weight 4511 lbs.

Jan. 2—Helping John Carson to kill his hogs, after which I gathered up men, etc. to fill our ice house tomorrow.

Jan. 5—Helping my son-in-law Samuel D. Lodge and my son John to kill their hogs.

Jan. 7—Helping Stille Chew to kill his hogs.

Jan. 9—Helping William Redrow to kill his hogs.

Jan. 10—Helping brother Samuel to kill his hogs. 16 hogs, 5520 lbs.

Jan. 12—Took a load of pork to Camden for brother Samuel, 3464 pounds. Sold for \$9.00 per hundred, \$311.76.

Jan. 13—Mr. James Glandon, deceased.

Jan. 17—Helped Mr. Leppee kill his hogs.

Jan. 22—Cold. The sleighing better than for many years.

Jan. 29—Mrs. E., and self made a visit to Charles Lock and family.

Feb. 3—Preaching at Mantua by the pastor, Rev. Willis Reeves. Evening Meeting sermon by Rev. Samuel Peacock. Five came forward for prayers. One or two converted.

Feb. 4—Mrs. Keziah Allen, wife of Thomas Allen, died.

Feb. 5—James Rufus and self visited brother Richard in Philadelphia. Attended service at Spring Garden street church.

Feb. 6—Mrs. Paul, widow of the late Isaac, buried today at Swedesboro. John F. Thomas and his wife were both buried today at Paulsboro in one grave. Both had died of consumption. Large concourse of people attended the funeral.

Feb. 7—Evening at Meeting. Preaching by Rev. Calvin C. Eastlack (his son). Some 6 or 7 went forward. Quite a good work of revival going on. To God be all the glory! Amen.

Feb. 8—Today went to Philadelphia and bought five family bibles to present to my married children.

Feb. 9—Rev. Samuel Y. Munrow was killed by being thrown from the train near the Point of Rocks, on the Camden & Amboy R. R.

Feb. 15—Today self and man working stump puller.

Feb. 22—Today superintending the loading of a vessel at Vine St. wharf in Philadelphia.

March 18—Snow banks today. Some as high as a 5-rail fence. Pretty good for the 18th of March.

March 25—Mrs. E. and self helping J. B. Albertson move to his farm, late J. Somers farm. Rev. Edward Page deceased.

March 30—This afternoon met the trustees of the M. E. Church on the ground of the new cemetery at Mantua.

April 1—Peter Lock deceased.

April 3—Put up and delivered at Mantua Station 30 barrels of sweet potatoes at \$4.00 per barrel.

April 8—Sold my oats and delivered 30 barrels of sweet potatoes at the station.

April 20—Went to Billingsport. Purchased shad at 25 cents apiece.

May 8—Mrs. Charity McIlvain deceased.

May 14—Mrs. E. and self went to Washington to visit daughter Anna and her husband, Anson S. Taylor, Esq.

May 16—Visited Mt. Vernon, the Capitol. Arlington, etc. Visited my brother Andrew, at Georgetown.

May 20—Visited White House. Saw and talked with the President.

May 21—Visited the market and had a ride in the car with General Grant and a short chat and a shake of the hand.

May 24—Returned home to Mantua. Maria West (my sister), deceased today.

May 30—Finished putting out our sweet potatoes. We now have 47,000 hills.

June 30—Mrs. E. and self went to Bethel for funeral of Thomas J. Dilks. Took dinner with Bro. J. B. Thompson and family.

July 29—Asher Kirkbride deceased.

August 5—This is the anniversary of my birth. I am 59 years old today and am enjoying good health through the blessing of God. In evening Mrs. E. and self went over to the Camp Meeting that commenced today in John D. Turner's woods, 1½ miles beyond Barnshoro. Bishop Simpson was there and made an exhortation.

August 12—Again at Camp Meeting. Morning preaching by Bishop Simpson. Text, 2d Timothy, 1st and 10th verses. It was the greatest sermon I ever listened to.

August 15—A very heavy rain. Nearly all the mill dams around are broken. Fifteen are gone and only two for several miles around were saved, that of Mr. Roberts, late Pines and Mr. Hargus, late James Dilks. Railroad, other roads damaged. Bridges and culverts carried away.

August 26—Men went to meadow to look after hay that has been floating about for three weeks and more.

August 30—Attended meeting of Repaupo Meadow Co. at Repaupo Tavern.

August 31—Men uncovering marl.

Sept. 24—The Gloucester County Fair opened today on farm of Mrs. Amanda Lodge, between Mantua and Barnsboro. The display of articles I understand was rather meagre. The race track was the principal place of interest.

Sept. 25—This afternoon a very severe hailstorm in Philadelphia. Stones as large as hens' eggs. Estimated damage to glass \$250,000.

Oct. 31—Attended funeral of Mrs. Benjamin C. Tatem.

Nov. 9—Mathias R. Crane deceased.

Dec. 9—Helping Benjamin Lodge to kill his pigs.

Dec. 11—Alexander A. Long died this afternoon.

Dec. 12—We killed our hogs today. Six in number, they weighed 1780 pounds.

Dec. 16—Helping John Carson kill his hogs.

Dec. 24—Went to Woodbury and bought a Government 5-20 bond for \$1,000. Paid for it \$1077.50.

Christmas 25—Our son Charles F. Eastlack and Miss Abigail A. Adams were married today at Swedesboro, by Rev. James Vansant.

Dec. 27—This afternoon attended vendue of J. Reeves on our old place.

Dec. 31—In afternoon attended Mrs. Gardener's vendue. At 9 P. M. attended a Watch Meeting conducted by Rev. J. T. Tucker. It broke up about $\frac{1}{2}$ past twelve.

1868

Jan. 1—Charles and his wife came home today, and with them came Rev. James Vansant and family, their wives being sisters.

Jan. 5—Attended funeral of Nehemiah Andrew, who was killed on the R. R.

Jan. 6—Attended a sale of timber of the late Richard Richards. Extra meeting at Mantua by Rev. J. Stiles. Five or six came forward.

Jan. 7—Extra meeting again this evening. Some 6 or 7 came forward for prayers.

Jan. 8—Today Rachel, Frances and self went for visit to Jesse B. Thompson's.

Jan. 10—Today went to Harrisonville with a quarter of beef for son Amos.

Jan. 11—John F. Mankin, son of William R. and Hannah, dec'd.

Jan. 12—Sunday. After sermon the following persons joined the Society. Nicholas Pidgeon and wife; Gilbert Keen and wife; Mrs. Charles Wyne, Mrs. Jacob Pancoast, Mrs. Josiah Alford, and Mrs. David Craig.

Jan. 15—Went to Paulsboro to see Uncle Edward Wallace, he being afflicted.

Jan. 13—Today helping Wm. Redrow kill his hogs.

Jan. 16—Today filled our ice house. Ice good, from 5" to 7" thick.

Jan. 17—Took Rachel and Francis to the Baltimore depot in Phila. to go to Washington. After getting their tickets, checking their baggage and seeing them safe in the car I went to brother Richard W. Eastlack's to see them and mother.

Jan. 22—The new M. E. Church at Allenboro, late Lawrenceville, (now Jefferson, ED.) was dedicated.

Jan. 26—Sunday. Following persons joined Society on trial: Josiah Alford, Jacob Pancoast, Mrs. Mary Allen, widow of Jos. Allen, deceased, Mrs. Harriet Keen, late Curtis.

Jan. 27—Made a pair of vessel oars, or sweeps.

Jan. 28—Assisted Samuel D. Lodge (son-in-law) kill his hogs. In afternoon attended sale of house in Mantua, late Patrick Flanagan's, for \$2205.

Jan. 31—Visited brother Amos Eastlack and family in Mullica Hill. He had a light stroke last week. The sleighing excellent—better than it has been for years.

Feb. 4—Vendue of Daniel C. Chew on Nathan Chew's farm.

Feb. 9—Mrs. Hannah Mankin, wife of William P. Mankin, dec'd this morning.

Feb. 22—Attended funeral of Henry S. Clark at Mantua.

Feb. 23—Mrs. Eliza J. Eastlack, wife of my son, Rev. Calvin C. Eastlack dec'd.

Feb. 26—Today we buried Calvin's wife. Sermon by Rev. Mr. Stokes, Calvin's Presiding Elder. He took no text, but he made an address which held congregation spellbound for an hour. Four men as pall bearers came with him from Port Monmouth on Raritan Bay. We had about 75 at dinner and 12 or 15 horses.

March 5—Attended vendue on farm of late Edward Darnell at Richardsville.

March 12—Today Mark Heritage and Rebecca Pearce were married.

March 13—Today Andrew Johnson, President of the United States answered to Summons of Impeachment.

March 23—Son Charles F. and wife commenced house-keeping today at noon.

March 26—Helping Isaac Davidson and family to move on Mr. Hough's farm, late my father's old farm.

March 30—Mrs. Ann, wife of William Skinner, deceased today.

April 23—Went to J. W. Lamb's vendue. Bought 10 cords of wood @ \$3.50 per cord.

April 25—Reading the news, particularly of the trial of President Johnson.

May 2—Mrs. E. and self went to grave of Hannah Mankin in M. E. cemetery and planted some flowers.

May 5—Attended Gloucester County Sunday School Institute at Woodbury Presbyterian Church.

May 14—In afternoon attended sale of building lots in Mantua made by George Tonkin. I bought #6 and #7 for a new church, at \$210. each, or \$420 for the two.

June 18—Helping Lewis V. Atkinson to raise a barn.

June 21—Mrs. E. and self attended Quarterly Meeting at Bethel. Took dinner with John C. Turner and family.

During the preceeding period pumps were made or repaired for William Clark (on farm of Jos. Cattell), C. P. Brown, Mr. Neff (on Delaware Street, Woodbury), D. J. Packer (Woodbury), James W. Pearce, Mr. Rowand (just over Clements Bridge), Dr. Reeves, of Paulsboro, John P. Sheetz, of Paulsboro, the hotel at Berkley, the print works at Gloucester City, Charles W. Gregory (Good Intent pike), Thomas Folwell (Mullica Hill), George W. Driver, at Woodbury, Benjamin Tatem (23 feet), Charles B. Leonard, Joseph Tatem (at his new house at Mantua Grove), Washington Mfg. Co., at Gloucester (two pumps), Job Carter, Samuel P. Lippincott, above Timber Creek, Benjamin J. Lord, Samuel Kendrick, at Westville, Samuel P. Lippincott, Samuel Hopkins (two pumps), James T. Zane (just over Clements Bridge), Albert West, Charles Clark (two miles below Swedesboro), Isaac Hinckman (near Haddonfield), Allen S. Morgan, Matthew Gill, Joseph Jessup, Joseph Heritage, Jacob Heritage, B. F. Carter, and Odd Fellows Hall (Woodbury), Albert West (near Lawrenceville, now Jefferson), James Devault (Billingsport), Alex. Powell (Gloucester), John Cloud and Co., Mrs. Bailey and Edward Duncan (both Paulsboro), Allen S. Morgan (2 pumps on the old place where we used to live), Evan Davis (two miles below Glassboro), S. J. Bayard's farm (east Woodbury), Nathan Lippincott (Haddonfield), Mrs. Pigeon (near Greenland), Mrs. Githens (near Westville), Charles Hulens (Gloucester), Mrs. Booth (Red Bank), John M. Kaighn and Son (Camden), B. J. Lord (Parkville), William D. Richards, Thomas Dilks, at the Almonesson Mill, Samuel Wartman (near Clements Bridge), Jas. C. Dobbs (tile yard near Haddonfield), Andrew Sweeten & Co., Samuel Howell (North Woodbury), John McClure, Jr. (Bunker Hill), Stone House Farm, at the head of the Creek known as the Dilks farm, or the Sparks farm, Benj. Owen (at Rattling Run on the Swedesboro Pike), Peter Vineman (above Mt. Ephraim), Sheldon and Prickett (grist mill near Bethel), S. D. Lodge, Mr. Pickering (North Woodbury), Thomas Gaskill (near Stone Meeting), B. C. Tatem, William Williams, Samuel H. Cloud (North Woodbury), Joseph Daniels, Charles Jones (near Bridgejort), Joseph Davis (beyond Clements Bridge), P. Wood (near Wm. C. Sparks), William Beckett (near old Bethel).

Volume IV

Maple Grove Farm, Mount Pleasant

July 6, 1868 to June 26, 1871

(Items on Fly-Leaf:)

“Poor Major Phipps goes to Moyamensing for five months. Would a jury have convicted another on such flimsy testimony? (Newspaper clipping, 1868).

Rachel Eastlack converted September, 1815, She joined Society at Carpenters Landing now Mantua. (His mother. She had been a Quaker).

Jonathan Henderickson born, Nov. 20, 1784. Deceased June 27, 1875.

Andrew W. Eastlack's address is 507 B. St., South East, Washington, D. C.

Address of Mrs. Mary J. Chew is 340 South Front St., Phila.

A. S. Taylor's office is 1221 F. St., N.W. Wash., D. C.

William Mounce, born Aug. 29, 1807.

Rev. John Walker, born 1764, died Apr. 5, 1849. Aged 85 years. He was M. E. preacher at Carpenter's Landing, (later Mantua).

Rachel Eastlack, (my mother) departed this life Sept. 21, 1871 aged 82 yrs., 7 mos., 29 days. Buried at Bethel by the side of our father and her husband.

Nathan Chew was born Jan. 22, 1797.

Queen Victoria, born May 24, 1819.

George W. Driver born Aug. 3, 1807.

Stille Chew born 1820.

Diary resumes.

1868

July 2—Sister, Rebecca Paul, deceased this afternoon.

July 11—Mrs. Cynthia Eastlack, wife of my brother Samuel, died today.

July 19—This morning our neighbor Henry Leppee's mill dam broke, caused by a leak about the waste gates.

July 28—Today the girls, Rufus and self went to camp meeting at Grandspruce, N. J.

August 2—Mrs. Hartman, wife of John Hartman, died today.

August 5—I finished up my three score years. Visited new Camp Meeting (Centennial) near Barnsboro.

August 23—Today Enoch Craig buried his wife in the old yard at Mantua. Brother Richard and Sarah, his wife, his son Willam C. and his son Frank, both lately from China, also Richard Newton and wife, and brother Richard's son Walter, spent the day. Amos Campbell deceased in his 90th year.

August 28—Jesse Hendrickson deceased this evening. Attended funeral Sept. 1.

August 30—Today visited the sick; Jonathan Chew and Joseph Skinner, both very ill.

The Great Freshet of 1868

Sept 4—Very heavy rains caused freshet which destroyed most of the bridges and mill dams on Mantua, Raccoon and Oldmans creeks. The bridge at Mantua was destroyed. Mrs. E., Charles and self had passed over it with two wagons loaded for the Philadelphia market about a half-hour before the bridge fell.

Sept. 5—Michael Devault states that an empty barrel in his yard was nearly filled with water from direct rain alone.

Nov. 9—William C. Eastlack sailed for China from New York today.

Nov. 19—Today Mr. William Sickler and Miss Emma Allen, daughter of Josiah C. Allen were married.

Nov. 29—Mrs. E., and Self spent the day at Quarterly meeting at Woodbury. We dined and took tea with Charles P. Abbott and family.

Dec. 3—Attended sale of timber and farm of Eli Heritage. Bought a lot of timber for \$20. Evening at prayer meeting.

Dec. 5—Mr. David Sagers was drowned this evening at Camden. He fell from steamboat.

Dec. 16—Mrs. Phoebe, wife of Thomas P. Skinner, deceased this evening.

Dec. 23—Today Calvin C. Eastlack and Ida Mintle were married by Rev. Dobbins.

1869

Jan. 4—Today assisting Gerrard Wood kill his hogs. Number 15, Weight 4407 lbs.

Jan. 8—Not doing much by the way of work, and yet I may have made the best day's work of my life, as I today made application for insurance on my life for \$5000. (Later note made on Jan. 9, 1876, "I was terribly swindled in this matter. I got out with a loss of \$980. net cash.")

Jan. 13—Attended public sale of real and personal property of late A. R. Long. The farm of 120 acres sold for \$122. per acre to Mr. Asa Redrow.

Jan. 18—Today helping William Redrow and Samuel Hains to kill hogs.

Jan. 20—Joseph C. Gill, Esq. deceased.

Jan. 28—Joseph Alford and Miss Mary Long married.

Jan. 31—Rachel, wife of Rev. James Vansant deceased this morning. Sick 24 hours.

Feb. 9—Extra Meetings were held in the Mantua M. E. Church, beginning the first Sunday in December, 1878 and closing Feb. 7, 1869. The names of 111 persons who joined the Church during that period here follow:

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| 1. Charles Paul | 16. Joseph Sharp |
| 2. Samuel L. Richman | 17. Louisa Hudson |
| 3. Samuel J. Eggee | 18. Anna Gentner |
| 4. Martha A. Paul | 19. Philip Gentner |
| 5. Aaron Garwood | 20. Abbig Carter |
| 6. Anna Pancoast | 21. Thomas Stratton, Jr. |
| 7. Charles Allen | 22. Henry Jackson |
| 8. Charles W. Redrow | 23. Joseph A. Jackson |
| 9. Martha M. Lord | 24. George C. Allen |
| 10. Ezra J. Packer | 25. Benj. F. Chew |
| 11. Sarah A. Luallen | 26. George F. Paul |
| 12. Amanda Hickman | 27. Rob. Harmon |
| 13. Mary Dilling | 28. Charles F. Albertson |
| 14. Eliza Smith | 29. Edward W. Kier |
| 15. Margaret Kastner | 30. Samuel W. Thomas |

31. Daniel W. Brown
32. George C. Eldridge
33. Franklin Lewis
34. Joshua H. Chew
35. Harry Silvers
36. John M. Stratton
37. Samuel Craig
38. William Hutton
39. Anna Ruthfus
40. Mary Etta Harmon
41. Lorra Silvers
42. Sallie R. Chew
43. Anna W. Turner
44. Mary Cozens
45. Clara Curtice
46. Benjamin Heritage
47. Charles Oakes
48. Elwood Clark
49. Franklin Crane
50. John C. Watson
51. William Silvers
52. Edmon Smith
53. Nathan B. Hoffman
54. Nimrod Woolery, Jr.
55. David Smith
56. Jos. D. Bates
57. Jacob C. Dilks
58. James B. Flanagan
59. Albert Sweeten
60. Samuel Lesley
61. Samuel L. Sweeten
62. Mary L. Down
63. Margaret J. Chew
64. S. L. Stout
65. Nellie M. Haugh
66. Sarah E. Hendrickson
67. Camelia C. Brown
68. Mary C. Lord
69. John Leppee
70. Josephine Repman
71. Martha J. Lord
72. John Daniels, Esq.
73. Franklin L. Avis
74. Jacob F. Stetser
75. Joseph F. Morgan
76. James Ashmer
77. Samuel Fullerton
78. Hamilton Turner
79. Samuel W. Chew
80. Hannah A. Chew
81. Anna Cattell
82. Charles R. Skinner
83. Rachel Thomas
84. Hannah Swope
85. Rebecca Reeve
86. Kate Castner
87. Priscella Stetser
88. Caddie Wilbert
89. Sarah Abbott
90. Mary Chew
91. Mary Wolf
92. Liza Poltman
93. Christianna Swabenland
94. Mary Swabenland
95. George Swabenland
96. Henry Harmon
97. Charles Pearson
98. John F. Gallagher
99. Robert G. Porch
100. Martha Smith
101. Anna E. Kerns
102. Edward C. Kerns
103. Lizza Clark
104. Sallie E. Johnson
105. Ezra C. Johnson
106. Roxanna Bates
107. Elmina H. Jackson
108. Mary E. Jenkins
109. Rachel J. Park
110. David R. Hargus
111. Josiah Beckett

Feb. 27—Today Mrs. E., James Rufus and self went to Washington, D. C. to visit our daughter Rachel (Mrs. Anson S. Taylor) and her family. Brother Andrew and his daughter Rachel came over to spend the evening.

Feb. 28—Attended dedication of Metropolitan M. E. Church. in Washington. Preaching in the morning by Bishop Simpson. In the afternoon, Rev. Dr. Punchon of the Methodist Church in England.

March 2—This morning Rufus and self went to brother Andrew W. Eastlack's office. In the evening attended the President's Reception.

Feb. 3—This forenoon attended the Baltimore Conference, held in the Foundry M. E. Church.

March 4—This afternoon at about 12.15 P. M. Chief Justice Chase administered the oath of office to General Grant, he then becoming the President of the United States. We returned home to Mantua on the 8th.

March 24—Mrs. Mary Ann, wife of William S. Kerns deceased today.

March 25—Mrs. Jane F. wife of John Alford, deceased this morning.

April 8—This morning George S. Twitchel, Jr. committed suicide in prison. He was to have been hanged today for the murder of Mary E. Hill.

May 11—My brother Samuel Eastlack deceased today.

May 18—Went to Glassboro. Attended the Ministers Association in the M. E. Church and put up with my son John F. and his family.

July 11—Thomas Roberts attended church at Harrisonville this morning. He went home, ate his dinner, went out into his yard, sat down in the shade and died.

August 13—Two pairs of horses backed off the Gloucester ferry boat and all were drowned. The wagons were recovered.

Sept. 2—Mrs. Rebecca Allen, wife of Benjamin Allen deceased this evening.

Sept. 5—New M. E. Church at Barnsboro dedicated today.

Sept. 19—While visiting our son Calvin at Tuckahoe received word that Enoch Wheaton had died.

Nov. 7—Mrs. E. and self went to Paulsboro. Took dinner with Samuel Wallace and family.

Dec. 7—Mrs. E., and self today helped Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Davidson kill their hogs.

Dec. 10—Mrs. Anna, wife of Gilbert Keen deceased.

Dec. 11—Mrs. Mary Albertson, widow of the late Enoch and mother of James Albertson, deceased.

1870

Feb. 24—Samuel Packer's house burned this afternoon on the old Jeffrey Chew farm on Mantua Creek.

March 1—Joseph Tomlin deceased.

March 11—Went to John C. Tatem's vendue on farm of his father Joseph Tatem on the north side of Mantua Creek.

March 21—Benjamin Boody, Jr., deceased. Buried at Mantua at old yard.

March 25—Jonathan Force deceased. Burial March 28, at Mantua. Mrs. E. and self assisting Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Davidson in moving from our old Eastlack farm to his home midway between Berkley and Clarksboro.

March 26—Attended funeral of Uncle Elias Craig Vanmeter, who died on March 26, at the age of 73. He was buried in the old Presbyterian yard near Daretown and near the S.W. corner of the olde church, which was built in 1767.

April 2—This evening Milton R. son of Rev. Calvin C. Eastlack and Ida Eastlack was born.

April 11—Mrs. and self went to Woodbury cemetery to sod grave of Mrs. Mankin. (Mrs. E.'s sister Hannah). Stopped for tea at Stille Chew's.

April 13—Today Andrew W. Eastlack, of Georgetown, D. C., and Kate E. Anderson were married

April 17—Today is Easter Sunday, which occurs the first Sabbath after the first full moon after the twenty-first of March in each and every year. Mrs. E., Hannah R. and self attended services at Church. After the Lord's Supper had been administered, and services adjourned, the Pastor invited a few of us to accompany him to sister Mary J. Chew's, she and her son Enoch being both quite sick. We witnessed the administration of the Sacrament by the Pastor.

May 23—Charles Elberson deceased.

July 5—Nathan W. Chew deceased. Buried July 8. Willie R. Leppee was drowned in his father's mill pond near here in his 9th year.

July 9—David C. Ogden deceased.

July 16—Mr. and Mrs. Gregory and also their horse were killed by a train at Woodbury. Mrs. James Caldwell, who was in the same wagon was badly injured. (she died two days later.) She was a niece of David C. Ogden and had been attending his funeral when accident occurred.

July 24—This morning John M. Kitchen deceased from lockjaw from having his hand cut with saw in mill at Mantua two days ago.

August 25—Mr. Samuel Wallace deceased this morning. Buried at Paulsboro Aug. 28.

Sept. 19—The thrashers are here to thrash our wheat and oats.

Oct. 7—Commenced to take Inquirer today.

Oct. 15—Benjamin Allen deceased today in his 87th year. Attended funeral on 19th.

Nov. 16—Made a new top-stick for our pump at the barn today.

Nov. 30—Sarah Richards, widow of the late David Richards, deceased today in her 89th year. Buried Dec. 2.

Dec. 15—Josiah A. Alford deceased this morning. Buried Dec. 18.

Dec. 21—Killed our hogs yesterday. Eleven in number, weighing 3468 lbs. We sold 2550 lbs. at \$9. per hundred.

Dec. 24—Cousin John Smith and wife came to our house for a visit.

1871

Jan. 25—This morning at about 7 o'clock our daughter Frances Amanda and Asa G. Holdcraft were married by Rev. Durell. At 8 oclock they started for New York to spend a few days, after which they will go to Washington for a visit to our daughter Rachel, (Mrs. Anson S. Taylor).

Jan. 29—Mrs. Hannah R. wife of Samuel A. Eastlack deceased, Funeral Feb. 1 at Mount Pleasant M. E. Church. Burial in Church yard.

March 9—Josiah C. Sparks deceased. Funeral March 13.
Samuel Willis of Woodbury, deceased.

March 27—Sarah M. Sailor deceased in her one hundredth year. Leaving 105 descendants.

March 28—Mrs. Ann Haines, widow of William Haines, deceased. Funeral Mar. 31.

April 1—Anna L. wife of Samuel R. Chew, deceased. Funeral Apr. 5.

April 15—At a public sale of horses, made by William Brooks at Westville, I bought a bay colt four years old and paid \$215.

May 3—Today bought two mortgages, one for \$900 and another for \$1100 secured by farm of Robert Turner in Camden County.

May 23—Bishop Clark of the M. E. Church deceased this evening. Funeral May 26.

Note on front flyleaf: "Charles Lock departed this life September 13, 1871, aged 61 yrs. 1 month, 5 days. He was buried Sept. 18, 1871, at Bethel, in his family lot.

Rev. Osmon C. Baker, D.D., Bishop of Methodist Episcopal Church, departed this life, Dec. 21, 1871.

Rebecca Chew, widow of the late Stille Chew, was born June 6, 1795.

Volume V

Maple Grove Farm, Mount Pleasant

January 1, 1872

Jan. 5—William Williams died last night. Smallpox.

Jan. 17—Benjamin Heritage died at 5.30 this morning. His last sermon was preached in Mantua, at our extra meeting on Tuesday last.

Jan 30—Today very cold. We made a pump today.

Jan. 31—took a pump to Joshua Scott, near Fairview.

Feb. 2—Mrs. Hannah G. Sparks, widow of Josiah C. Sparks died this morning.

Feb. 5—Weather severe. Much trouble crossing the Delaware at Camden.

Feb. 12—Joseph F. Mercer, Treasurer of the City of Philadelphia, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$3000,000. and to undergo imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for four years and nine months at hard labor in solitary confinement. Charles T. Yerkes who had embezzled \$478,000, to pay a fine of \$500 (?) and to serve two and one-half years at hard labor in solitary confinement. The Chairman of Councils and one other councilman were ousted from office.

March 1—Today at Trenton, N. J. in attendance at the Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, being the first Lay Delegate ever sent from our charge. Put up while in Trenton with Bro. John Middleton, 23 Front Street, near the State House.

March 5—Severe cold today, very high northwest win, Mercury at 4°.

March 28—Mrs. Lucy Tatem, wife of John Tatem, died.

March 30—Mrs. Caroline Dilks, daughter of James Craig, died.

April 6—Today we planted our early potatoes.

April 16—Professor Samuel B. F. Morse, who invented the Telegraph in 1843, departed this life a few days ago. This evening, Apr. 16, 1872, a great outpouring of the people in the different towns and villages to express their sorrow and respect.

April 27—Saturday. This morning Hannah R. (a daughter) and self went to Washington, D. C. to visit our daughter Anna and her husband, Anson S. Taylor and family. Also visited my brother Andrew and family and Captain William Snowden. (We returned May 6)

May 27—Mr. Jonathan Chew, deceased.

May 30—Sarah Pedrick, widow of late Isaac Pedrick buried today.

June 27—Cut my wheat today. The wheat good but the straw short.

June 28—Cut my rye. It is very good.

July 5—Our grand-daughter Bertha Moffett died today.

August 14—Walter Everett, son of Biddle R. and Mary Emma Moffett, deceased. Age 4 yrs. 10 mos. 25 days.

July 28—Commenced to sow my rye. Finished Sept. 5.

Sept. 9—Went to Phila. to get a vessel load of manure from Mr. Scott. James B. Albertson and Oliver Daniels died today.

Sept. 12—Today I went to Phila. to assist in bringing the family of James B. Alberston to Mantua for the services in Mantua Cemetery.

Sept. 13—Today Oliver Daniels was buried at Bridgeport. He resided on his farm near Berkley Station.

Sept. 16—William C. Sparks deceased in his 64th year.

Nov. 14—Samuel O. Holdcraft deceased this morning at one o'clock.

Nov. 16—Funeral of Samuel O. Holdcraft. Buried in the Episcopal yard in Swedesboro.

Nov. 29—The Great Journalist of America, Horace Greeley, breathed his last.

Dec. 7—Jesse B. Thompson, deceased. Buried at Bethel.

Dec. 27—John Alford, Sr. deceased.

1873

Jan. 6—Aaron Schelinger and Elizabeth Flanigan married by Rev. Nathan Chew.

Jan. 15—Mr. Hugh Long and Mrs. Louisa Crandall (or Crandle) were married.

Jan. 9—Louis Napoleon the 3rd, Late Emperor of the French, died Jan. 9, 1873, an exile in Europe.

Jan. 20—Samuel M. Chew, aged 51, deceased. Supposed to have been caused by a mistake in medicine.

Jan. 16—Samuel A. Eastlack and Miss Sarah J. Turner, married by Rev. James Vansant, pastor at Bethel.

Jan. 30—Today at daybreak, mercury at 18° below zero here at Mantua. Yesterday at Philadelphia, 3° below zero.

Feb. 15—Today took my son James R. Eastlack to Camden to his brother Charles F. to be clerk in his store. He is to work two weeks without pay and then to work for one year for four dollars per week with board, washing and mending.

Feb. 24—Mercury at zero at Mantua. My pump was frozen harder than in 20 years nearly, that I have lived here.

March 5—There were but two nights all the past winter that froze our pump as hard as last night. Today a little more moderate after ten o'clock. Clear and nice but cold.

March 18—Today a most beautiful day, and WE MOVED TO OUR NEW HOME in Mantua, a place which we have prepared to spend the remaant of our days. God permitting. (Amen)

March 19—Today assisting our daughter Frances and her husband Asa G. Holdcraft to move on our farm.

April 8—Isaac Adcock of Mullica Hill deceased today.

April 9—William Skinner, Sr. deceased today.

April 19—Sarah, wife of James S. Eastlack, deceased this morning; age 74-5-6.

May 7—Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase died this morning at about 10 o'clock at residence of his daughter Mrs. Wm. Hoyt, in New York City.

May 26—John W. Richards deceased.

June 5—Mrs. E. and self visited Calvin (our son) and his family at Port Elizabeth.

June 24—James S. Eastlack deceased, age 78-6-4. Buried at Mount Pleasant June 28. Sermon by Rev. Mr. Corson.

July 18—Mercury @ 101° about 1 P. M. We have had but two light showers since the last of April. Think I never saw things so burnt up. Today about half-past one P. M. we had a heavy shower and some smaller showers later. Praise God for remembering us in our distress, and sending the rain on our thirsty earth!

August 2—Isaac C. Dilks attended Camp meeting at Pitman Grove. He was taken ill, started for his home, and died before a doctor could reach him. He was 63.

Gabriel Abbott deceased this evening. Age 59½ years.

August 12—Job K. Chew deceased this P. M. without disease or warning. His age was 69-10-12.

Sept. 19—Great financial crash in New York, Philadelphia, Washington etc. Commenced yesterday. Jay Cooke stopped payment. Twenty banks have suspended payment.

Nov. 13—Edward Merle deceased. John Moffett deceased. Sermon at house by Rev. Charles Kaighn, Baptist. Buried Nov. 17, 1873, in Reeves Burying Ground. Aged 82 years.

Dec. 18—George W. Marsh and Miss Mary F. Eastlack married. Both of Williamstown, N. J.

1874

Jan. 4—Weather warm since the year came in. Today 61°

Jan. 6—Today the sale of the property of John Moffett took place. 169 acres @ \$91. per acre, a very low price. Personal property sold well and occupied afternoons of 8th & 9th.

Jan. 29—Our M. E. Church at Mantua reopened for divine service. Morning Rev. Mr. Harris of Paulsboro; Evening Rev. Mickle of Swedesboro. Collections during day \$300. Balance to be collected, \$160.

Feb. 1—Jesse C. Morgan and Miss Anna Hoffman married at the Mantua parsonage by Rev. Mr. Norris.

Feb. 10—Visited son Charles F. at Camden. His sales for past year were \$26,833.

Feb. 13—Wind South. Temperature stood at summer heat at 1 P. M., yet wind was blowing a gale. Thomas J. Heritage sold his store property and goods for about \$6000. On Monday last the highest point reached by the mercury was 78° yesterday; by noon it was 38°.

March 8—Ex-President Fillmore died this evening.

March 12—Hon. Charles Sumner deceased yesterday at his post. He was in the Senate on the afternoon before his death.

March 13—This morning mercury at 18°. Mrs. Hannah Durell, wife of Rev. E. H. Durell, deceased. She was buried at Trenton. Sermon by Rev. Calvin C. Eastlack.

April 6—Purchased vessel load of manure for my farm @ 95¢.

April 19—Mr. George Dilks and Miss Lizzie Barber, both of Mantua, married by Rev. Willis Reeves, of Woodbury.

April 29—Last night we had a most severe rainstorm. This morning at 6.30 it commenced to hail and continued until 9.30 A. M. Afternoon it cleared off with wind at west blowing a little gale, and very cold.

April 30—Ice more than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick and ground frozen hard.

May 9—Nellie, daughter of Asa G. and Frances Holdcraft born today.

June 6—Corner stone of new school house at Mantua, District #9, was laid by Jonathan Hendrickson, now in his 90th year. The old house was built in 1804. New house is 28 x 50, with wing on each side for entrances. Belfry and bell.

June 9—Mercury 96° in shade.

June 29—104° in shade on my porch.

June 26—Wm. R. Tatem deceased in 63rd year. I attended his funeral at Woodbury, June 30.

July 24—Mrs. Mary E. Chew, widow of late Jonathan Chew, deceased.

July 27—Burial of Mrs. Mary E. Chew.

July 29—Isaac Lord buried today in new cemetery in Mantua.

August 21—98° in shade. Afternoon at camp meeting on Centennial ground.

Sept. 10—Attended Gloucester County Temperance Alliance at Woodbury M. E. Church.

Sept. 16—Last evening at 9 or 10 o'clock it began to rain, we having had but one rain since for some three months, and that about the 10th of August last.

Sept. 17—Still raining at 11 o'clock A. M.; a splendid gentle rain.

Sept. 18—This morning the rain ceased.

Oct. 8—This afternoon school was opened for the first time in our new School House in Mantua. This afternoon Dr. John R. Sickler came down for the first time in 13 weeks.

Oct. 10—This morning Mary E. Moffett (his daughter) and myself started for Washington, D. C. arriving there at about 5.30 P. M. Found my daughter Rachel Ann and her husband, Anson S. Taylor and their children all well. On Saturday Oct. 17, Biddle R. Moffett came down and we had a general good time. We all came home on the 21st.

Nov. 15—Sunday. Mrs. Harriet, wife of Nathan S. Johnson, died.

Nov. 21—Alexander Wentz died in his 68th year.

Nov. 27—Mrs. Elizabeth, widow of Rev. John Turner, deceased, age 92 years, 7 months and one day.

Nov. 30—William H. Norris married to Miss Mary S. Chew.

1875

Jan. 1—Mr. George F. Paul and Miss Anna L. Warner, by the Rev. W. W. Christine.

Jan. 10—Mercury zero at 7 A. M.

Jan. 19—Snow about 3 inches deep on about one inch of ice, and is very nice sleighing.

Jan. 21—Dr. Jos. Fithian's residence on Broad Street in Woodbury destroyed by fire on Tuesday evening last, at about 10 o'clock.

March 6—Went to Philadelphia. Took dinner with brother Richard and family at his new home 1505 N. 19th St. Evening at Charles F. Eastack's (his son) in Camden.

March 7—Attended divine worship at Broadway M. E. Church.

March 20—A very rainy day and freezing, so as to form heavy sleet on everything exposed. Many large limbs of shade trees broken off with their load. Ice hanging on to everything, even the weeds in the fields glittering with ice.

April 12—Doctor Charles Garrison deceased this morning aged 75.

April 15—Attended the funeral of Dr. Charles Garrison at Swedesboro.

April 18—A real St. Patrick's Day. Heavy snow flurries and very cold.

April 22—Matilda, widow of Thomas Wolf, died Apr. 22, buried Mantua Cemetery.

June 5—Stacy C. Borton, died. Attended his funeral on June 8.

June 27—Jonathan Hendrickson, Senior, died this morning. In his 91st year since Nov. 20, last.

June 30—Mr. Elmer Cooper killed by the kick of a horse.

July 23—Friday. 40th Wedding Anniversary. Today, wife and self celebrated our 40th wedding Day by having our children and grandchildren together at their father's home in Manuta. The following appeared with their families:

Calvin C. wife and son; one daughter left at home.

Amos T. wife and daughter.

Sarah E.—husband, 1 son and 2 daughters.

Hannah R. (single).

Rachel A.—husband, son and daughter.

John F. wife, son and daughter.

Mary E. husband and son

Charles F. wife and son.

Frances A. husband and daughter.

Children all present but Rufus, be being in Washington and could not be with us. Grandchildren all present but Calida, daughter of Calvin and Ida.

Friends:

Mrs. Rebecca W. Lock, Mrs. Amanda Lodge, Mrs. Anne Morgan Mrs. Mary Dilks, Mrs. Sarah Stratton, Mr. and Mrs. Leppie, Rev. Mr. Herr and wife and Mrs. Herr's mother. 10

Four sons, four daughters-in-law, five daughters

four sons-in-law, twelve grand-children. 29

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Note: "Parents very kindly remembered by some very nice presents."

August 7—Rev. John Fort deceased, about 58 years old.

August 9—Mrs. Louisa Dilks, widow of the late Samuel Dilks, died at the residence of her son-in-law Josiah C. Allen, aged 85.

Sept. 9—Samuel R. Chew deceased in his 68th year.

Sept. 24—Mrs. Annie Zane, wife of Simeon. died.

Sept. 27—Jacob Park deceased.

Nov. 3—Jas. Rufus Eastlack (his son) and Rachel Anna Chew were married by Rev. C. C. Eastlack (also his son) at Unionville personage.

Nov. 4—Charles R. Farris and Miss Emma Morgan, both of Mantua, N. J. were married by Rev. George Hitchens.

Dec. 16—Today Rufus (son) and his wife commenced to keep house at 1338 Frankford Avenue, Phila., and tomorrow he opens store in his front room prepared for that purpose, a general grocery store.

Dec. 24—Anna H., wife of Reuben W. Clark, deceased.

1876

Jan. 26—Today the Episcopal Chapel at Mantua was opened for religious services. The Bishop and other clergymen were in attendance.

Feb. 11—Mrs. Elizabeth Lock, widow of the late Peter Lock, died at her residence in Jefferson.

March 11—Mrs. Eliza Florine Paris, wife of Charles Paris and daughter of Charles Martell, deceased.

March 15—Mrs. Maggie Craig, wife of George Craig, deceased.

March 20—Thomas P. Carpenter, Esq., deceased in his 72d year.

March 25—Mrs. Matilda, wife of William A. Morgan, deceased at her father's residence in Camden.

On the 25th of February last, Elisha D. Chew, deceased in the 86th year of his age, at the home of his son James S. Chew, in Mahaska County, Iowa. (He was formerly from Gloucester County.)

April 3—Attended the funeral of Mrs. Abigail Atwood.

March 29—John R. Hudson and Miss Amanda Carson married by Rev. Wm. H. Lewis.

April 10—Mr. A. T. Stewart of New York died at 1.45 this afternoon. He was born in Belfast, Ireland in 1803. His wealth at this time is estimated to be \$100,000,000.

May 6—Mary Zirlin deceased.

May 20—Gilbert D. Keen deceased.

April 23—William Haines deceased 66 years old.

April 25—Rachel Sweeten deceased aged 63, wife of Nathan Sweeten.

June 22—Mr. Nathan Redrow and Miss Annie A. Dunlap, married.

July 16—Rachel C. Redrow deceased in her 36th year. Buried in Eglington.

August 13—Harriet, wife of Samuel Craig, deceased.

August 23—Dr. William H. Turner died.

August 27—Mrs. Ann, wife of James L. Turner, deceased.

Sept. 1—The summer is past, but the hot weather not ended—94° in the shade at 12.30. The summer has probably been the hottest in the history of man.

Sept 16—Rosa, wife of John S. Fishblatt, of Mantua, dec'd.

Sept. 18—Bishop Janes died at his home in N. Y.

Sept. 21—Mr. Joshua Scott, aged 81, formerly of Greenwich Twp. dec'd.

Oct. 19—Rev. John P. Durbin died at his home in New York, aged 76.

Oct. 20—Rev. Samuel Parker, dec'd in Camden while on a visit there.

Dec. 12—Carlton P. Stokes died in Woodbury in his 67th year.

Dec. 4—At Mullica Hill, Fannie C. Chatten, widow of Joseph H. Chatten. At Haddonfield, George Raybold, 72 years, of the N. J. Conference, at Swedesboro, Mrs. Elisabeth Mitchell, aged 72 years.

Dec. 12—At Trenton, Mrs. Elizabeth, wife of Ezra Cooper. She was 42 years of age and was visiting in Trenton.

Dec. 25—Snow and ice, so there is good sleighing with a rough-shod horse.

1877

Jan. 3—Today helping Asa G. Holdcraft (his son-in-law) kill hogs, etc.

Jan. 4—Cornelius Vandrebilt of New York, the great Railroad King, died at rising eighty-two years of age. Supposed to be worth \$85,000,000. some estimate him at \$100,000,000. but it is impossible to know, as his wealth is largely in railroads. He leaves a large family.

April 21—Today went to Washington, D. C. Stopped at A. S. Taylor's 1826 K. Street (his son-in-law) Found them all well. Sunday at the Foundry Church. President Hayes, wife and daughter there. During week visited places of interest and my friends in general.

Sabbath, 29th, attended Metropolitan M. E. Church. Dr. J. P. Newman preached; text 5 John 40. Returned home 30th.

April 27—Robert K. Matlock, Esq. deceased in his 74th year.

May 7—Samuel Lock deceased, and buried at Swedesboro on the 11th inst. Born July 6, 1806; age 70 years, 10 mons.

May 11—William Jones deceased in Frankford, Pa. and buried in Mantua Cemetery. Age 73 years.

May 17—Mrs. Eastlack went to Washington to stay two weeks.

June 7—John Barnard deceased in the 64th year of his age.

June 15—We had a festival for the benefit of M. E. Church last week and cleared \$89.12.

June 21—Today six men were hanged at Pottsville, Pa. Their names are as follows: Boyle, McGehan, Roarity, Carroll, Munley and Duffy. At Mauch Chunk four men were hanged the same day, and one at Wilkesbarre. All of them were of the Molly Maguire ring.

July 4—Mrs. Ann, widow of the late Presmul Dilks, deceased this morning in her 73rd year. The good people of Mantua celebrated the Fourth today in Mrs. Lodge's woods, under the direction of the Trustees of the M. E. Church in Mantua. Lots of good things to strengthen the inner man!

July 8—John D. Turner deceased, aged 74 years, 7 mos.

July 16—There are now one hundred and eighteen families in Mantua. Four had no Bible. I supplied them for the Bible Society.

July 27—Today very hot. 98° in the shade. In evening had a fine rain.

July 29—At 2 P. M. mercury marked 94° in shade. At 2.40 P. M. 114 in the sun. Terribly hot.

August 29—Today mercury marked 96° in shade. We are having quite a heated term.

August 31—Mercury at 10 A. M. marked 90° in shade. We had a smart shower this morning.

Sept. 2—Euphemia, wife of Harrie T. Morgan, deceased this morning.

Oct. 14—William W. Dunn deceased in his 73d year.

Oct. 20—Today mercury marking 80°. It has been as warm most, if not all of the week, and more sickness than I have known in years.

Nov. 27—Joseph Eldridge deceased in his 41st year.

Dec. 1—Today Elijah Eastlack bought the following properties, formerly owned by Jerry Stull, near Deerfield, Salem County, N. J.

#1—150 acres at \$97 per acre	\$14,550.
#2—120 acres at \$65 per acre	7,850.
#3—53 acres (timber \$50 per acre	2,650.
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	\$25,050.

Dec. 20—This evening an extra meeting at Mantua. Some 7 or 8 professed conversion. Among them was Frances A. Holdcraft (his daughter) and Sunday morning, 23d, eleven joined Church. Among them was Frances A. Holdcraft (Bless God, Amen!) Pastor, Rev. Dickerson Moore, of Mantua & Barnsboro charge.

Dec. 25—For some two or three weeks past we have had most exceedingly pleasant weather, and now at 1 P. M. the mercury marks 45° in the shade. It is almost perfectly still and warm enough to be gardening. So, of course, we have a green Christmas. We had a large attendance at the 5 o'clock meeting this morning. We are having a most blessed revival of religion in our church.

Dec. 24—Sarah Applegate deceased.

1878

Jan. 1—Horace Shallcross and Estella Lodge, married.

Jan. 4—This morning snowing for the first of the season; about 1½ inches followed by rain.

Jan. 14—Eugene Miers, son of Jacob Miers and wife, deceased.

Jan. 18—Moses Bradshaw, near Swedesboro, deceased in his 65th year.

Jan. 19—Ira Gibson, deceased, in his 77th year.

Jan. 20—Joshua Paul, deceased, in the 70th year of his age.

Jan. 26—Mrs. Mary P. Watson, deceased.

Feb. 16—Charles Knight deceased at Woodbury, in his 83rd year.

Feb. 24—Rebecca B. Clark, deceased aged 75 years.

March 5—Married by Friends ceremonies: Mr. Walter Heritage, of Upper Greenwich Twp., and Miss Susan B. Haines, of the same place.

March 12—James Dilks, aged 78, deceased.

March 22—Deceased, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Tonkin, widow of the late William C. Tonkin. She was 76, and had lived in the village since she was six years old.

April 6—Mrs. Elizabeth Starn, aged 75 years, deceased today. She was the widow of Charles Starn.

April 7—Miss Margaret C. Heritage, aged 47, deceased. She was a daughter of Rev. Mark Heritage.

May 8—Samuel Dilks, deceased. Age 48.

May 10—The weather changed to cooler and cold, with rain and hail.

May 11—High westerly wind and very cold, with rain and hail. Sunday. Overcoats and buffalo robes brought into requisition. Monday morning, 13th, quite a heavy frost, doing a vast amount of damage in the truck business. Tuesday morning another frost. Wednesday, 15th, rainy, wind northeast and cold.

May 25—Mrs. Harriet, wife of John Chew, deceased, leaving a babe about 3 month old.

June 20—Mr. Samuel Craig and Miss Margaret, daughter of the late Job K. Chew and Sarah, his wife, were married by Rev. S. M. Hudson, of Unionville charge.

July 3—John M. Watson (of Woodbury) deceased. Buried in the Presbyterian yard in North Woodbury. Supposed to be worth \$175,000. Left one heir, a daughter of some 20 summers. The will gives her \$50,000. in hand, and interest on all the rest.

July 18—Mercury in Mantua marked today from 96° to 104° in the shade, according to location. In the sun 110°.

July 29—James L. Turner deceased, and buried August 2, at Bethel. He was 66 years of age.

August 2—Dr. A. Trenchard's wife presented him today with a daughter. They have named her Mary.

August 9—Mrs. Emma Louisa, wife of Edwin Fox and daughter of Charles K. White deceased today.

August 12—This evening, Miss Florence, daughter of Samuel T. and Harriet Sooy, was born.

Oct. 27—Mrs. Hannah, widow of the late James B. Albertson deceased.

Nov. 6—Married today, Mr. Hamilton Turner to Miss Elizabeth Barnard, both of Mantua.

Nov. 26—Mrs. Sarah Rebecca, wife of Mark C. Heritage, Jr. deceased, aged 38 years and 10 months.

Dec. 2—John Mickle, deceased in his 88th year. Buried in Friends Burial Ground at Woodbury on Dec. 6.

Dec. 9—George Cawman and wife both buried today.

Dec. 20—John W. Hazleton, Esq. died suddenly aged 59.

Dec. 26—Elisha S. Warner, of Wenonah, deceased in his 90th year.

Dec. 25—On this Christmas Day, were married:-

Mr. Thomas J. Stratton, Jr., to Mollie A. Sumers; also Mr. Gerard Wood Marshall of Philadelphia to Miss Allie Jackson at her father's residence near Mullica Hill—Henry S. Jackson. And on the Christmas Eve. at the M. E. Parsonage, Woodbury, Mr. A. Ledden Iszard to Fannie Bower.

Dec. 28—Ruth Ann, wife of Thomas Roman, deceased aged 51.

1879

Jan. 7—Rev. Mark Heritage, Sen., deceased, age 76 years. Buried on Jan. 10, at Old Bethel.

Jan. 8—Allen S. Morgan stopped payment: Liabilities \$36,000 Assets \$15,000.

Feb. 21—Mrs. Sarah wife of John Fletcher, deceased.

Feb. 24—Richard G. Stanger deceased, aged 59 years.

March 15—J. Rufus Eastlack sold goods in the week ending March 15, to the amount of \$750. and Charles F. Eastlack sold goods during the same week to the amount of \$850. During the week ending April 26, Jas. Rufus Eastlack sold goods to the amount of \$890. and Charles F. Eastlack, \$900. Quite good for boys.

(Note by compiler) These weres sons of the diarist, starting business in the city of Camden, as the first of the modern chain stores. They were the first to sell only for cash, and to use the term "Cash Grocers". They were joined a little later by a third brother, John Fletcher Eastlack. Each of the brothers owned and operated from one to three stores, and for many years they dominated the grocery business in Camden.

May 1—Self went to Washington, D. C. Returned May 15.

June 11—Abram P. Eastlack deceased in the 36th year of his age. He was buried in Congressional Cemetery, D. C.

July 16—Today mercury marked 100° in the shade. 102° in Philadelphia.

July 21—Mercury 60° at 6 A. M. Very cool. Joseph F. Hendrickson deceased, age 56.

July 23—Mercury 97° in shade at eleven; at six P. M., 90°

July 26—George Holdcraft deceased. William Stephenson Sr. deceased age 73.

Sept 18—Rev. John Davidson of Swedesboro aged about 65 years, and Miss Anna E. Freis of Mantua, aged about 45, were married today.

Sept. 24—Rev. C. R. Hartranft, aged 41 years, deceased. He was for 21 years a member of the New Jersey Conference.

Sept. 26—This morning a white frost.

Oct. 9—Mercury at 89° in shade.

Oct. 17—Mercury 90° in shade at 12 M. The hot wave still continues, having commenced the first inst.

Oct. 23—The hot wave closed this evening by the wind coming out of Northwest and blowing fiercely.

Otc. 25—Mercury in a sheltered position stood at 30° at 7 A. M.

Nov. 5—Has been very cold for a few days. This morning 19° Ice $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches thick.

Nov. 6—Three inches of snow this morning.

Nov. 4—Mrs. Kate, wife of Andrew Eastlack, deceased this morning at Mont Clair, N. J.

Nov. 9—Several hours today the mercury marked summer heat.

Nov. 17—Summer heat or 76° , prevailed until yesterday. Today 106° in the sun.

Nov. 21—High northwest wind. Mercury 20° above zero.

Dec. 25—Christmas. Meeting this morning from 5 to 7. Mercury 16° .

Dec. 30—Today. Mercury 36° . Calvin, Milton and self (his son and grandson) all went to the Camden County Insane Asylum near Blackwoodstown. It has 60 inmates and is conducted very nicely. We took dinner at the Almshouse nearby. They have 200 people in the house. The Steward treated us very kindly, as did Dr. Comfort, of the Insane Department.

1880

Jan. 3—Thomas McIlvain, deceased in his 80th year.

Jan. 11—Sunday very warm, mercury at 3 P. M. 58° . Roads so muddy that toll is off.

Jan. 14— 8° above zero, with 2 to 3 inches of snow.

Jan. 18—Sunday, mercury 50° . Quarterly meeting at Mantua.

Jan. 20—A colony of four of our neighbors left for Leadville, Colorado, viz: Benjamin Clark, farmer; Daniel Brown, Carpenter; Thomas T. Sparks, Wheelwright; Harrie Denn, blacksmith.

Jan. 22—Richard Clark, aged 79 years, died in Philadelphia on the morning of January 20. Formerly of Mantua, N. J. Burial at Old Bethel. James Roe, deceased, aged 88 years, having been born Feb. 26, 1792. He lived near Woodbury.

Jan. 27—James Roe of Woodbury, buried.

Feb. 10—Fine winter weather. 16° above zero this morning.

1880

Notes on fly-leaves.

Dec. 21—Great storm at Long Branch, Sandy Hook, New York, Rhode Island, Washington and Virginia. Snow 3 feet deep in New Jersey. No such storm for 25 years.

London in 1880 (Clipping)

London covers nearly 700 sq. miles. It numbers more than four million inhabitants. It comprises one hundred thousand foreigners from every quarter of the globe. It contains more Roman Catholics than Rome itself; more Jews than the whole of Palestine; more Irish than Dublin; more Scotch than Edinburgh; more Welshmen than Cardiff. Has a birth every five minutes and a death every eight minutes; has seven accidents a day in its seven thousand miles of streets; has 117,000 habitual criminals on its police register and 38,000 drunkards annually brought before its magistrates.

Oct. 19—The steamship Great Eastern was put up at auction today and bought in for £30,000. This is the largest vessel in the world, being 679 feet 6 in. long; 45 feet depth of hold; 18,915 tons gross. The keel was laid in 1854 and she was launched in 1857. (This is the vessel that was used in laying the first trans-Atlantic cable.)

Albert Stokes Emel, son of John Emel, lives at Bridgeton.

Mrs. Ann Hendrickson was born Feb. 12, 1796.

Mrs. Amanda Lodge born April 27, 1805.

Mrs. Abigail, widow of James Jessup, Jr., was born July 16, 1801.

Mrs. Mary Cawman, widow of the late John Cawman, was born Aug. 10, 1785; deceased May 5, 1885.

Mr. James Gardener was born November 23, 1825.

Mrs. Abigail Eldridge, born January 1792, died April 12, 1881.

Rebecca W. Lock, born April 17, 1814, died Dec. 25, 1880.

Sarah, widow of the late A. R. Long, was born Sept. 18, 1793; died Sept. 18, 1880.

Address of Samuel Ackely, 143 N. Laurel St. Bridgeton, N. J.

Rev. John P. Curtice, born Jan. 27, 1800. Preached at Mantua April 24, 1881.

West Jessup was born Dec. 1, 1805.

Mary J. Chew, born Apr. 16, 1803; died 4th mo. 11th, 1886.

William Shute, born Oct. 11, 1805, died Dec. 1, 1884.

Mrs. Mary S. Dilks, born Aug. 2, 1804.

Mrs. Rachel Gardiner, born Sept. 19, 1825.

Joseph Jessup was born June 1802.

Queen Victoria; Coronation 1837.

John S. Chew was born March 17, 1802.

Josiah C. Allen was born Oct. 3, 1812.

August 9—Doctor Tanner, in New York, completed his famous fast of 40 days.

Mrs. Keziah Turner, born Nov. 22, 1808.

Mrs. Beulah Mankin, born Nov. 21, 1805.

Feb. 10—Mrs. Rebecca Chew, widow of the late Stille Chew, deceased in her 86th year. She is to be buried in the old Chew burial ground on the old Chew farm, now owned by Charles Starn. Mrs. Phebe, widow of B. R. West, deceased Dec. 8, 1884, aged 86 years.

Feb. 16—Mrs. Carlotta, wife of Richard N. Eastlack, Jr., died at her home in Washington, D. C.

Feb. 27—Mercury 74° above zero, in shade.

March 4—Weather fine. Mercury at summer heat.

Ira Bradshaw born Oct. 2, 1807.

April 27—Changed my old carriage with A. S. Morgan for a new one. Paid him \$60. difference.

April 28—Mark Heritage and Miss Hannah, daughter of Acquilla and Charlotta Shute, married.

May 2—Henrietta, wife of Jos. C. Weatherby, M.D., died suddenly in the 65th year of her age.

April 12—Joseph D. Green died, aged 87 years.

May 12—Hiram Abbott, deceased, aged 51 years. Mrs. Eastlack went to Washington, D. C. to visit her daughter and family, Mr. & Mrs. A. S. Taylor.

May 27—Mary, widow of late S. Driver Fisler (her maiden name was Cawman), deceased this morning. Funeral May 28. The weights of my two wagons recently bought are as follows: Hack, 445 lbs. Riding carriage, 390 lbs. Made by Mr. Morgan at Mantua.

July 12—Mrs. Hannah Ann, wife of William H. Rice, deceased.

July 14—James B. Caldwell died suddenly.
Ann S. Dilks, born Sept. 1, 1810; died March 4, 1887.
Lewis M. Green moved into his new \$30,000 house in Woodbury.

July 30—Thomas L. Ogden deceased this morning in the 46th year of his age.

Sept. 16—Henry Ogden deceased at 11 P. M.

Sept. 17—James Moore, Esq., a lawyer of considerable ability, deceased this morning.

Sept. 19—Emma Tomlin dec'd.

Oct. 20—Sarah Holmes dec'd.

Oct. 23—James D. Middleton and Mary Emma Burrough were married. She was oldest daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth of Bethel.

Oct. 25—Amos Hendrickson Sr. deceased, age 74.

Nov. 2—This is a beautiful day. Presidential election today.

Nov. 3—James A. Garfield elected President and Chester A. Arthur, Vice-President. Their electoral vote is 222, with 147 votes for the Democratic ticket.

Oct. 26—Mr. John Rachor and Miss Mary F. Swabenland were married by Rev. Edward Dillon.

Nov. 19—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kean had a son born this morning; they call him John Wesley Kean.

Nov. 23—Thomas H. Brown, of Mantua, died of smallpox.

1881

Jan. 1—At 6.45—15° below zero, at 7.45—17° below zero at our house. At several places the same. At James Gardner's in this village 22° below. At Harrisonville 22° to 24° below.

Jan. 4—Rev. Levi Herr died suddenly, and alone. He was a member of New Jersey Conference and stationed at Roadstown, Salem Co.

Jan. 8—Dr. Joseph Fithian of Woodbury, died last night in his 86th year.

Jan. 11—Attended Annual Meeting of First Nat. Bank at Woodbury. Dr. Fithian is supposed to be worth \$332,000.

Feb. 2—Severe snow storm. Old snow ten to twelve inches deep. New snow 8 to 10 inches dep. We have had sleighing since Dec. 22 last.

Feb. 3—John Truncer and Miss Caroline Arant married by Rev. D. Moore.

Feb. 10—Conrad Borncastel died at 3 A. M. today of smallpox.

March 1—Joseph B. Tatem, formerly of Woodbury, died at Clifton Springs, N. Y. in his 65th year.

March 30—Benjamin Hewitt deceased about 6.20 P. M. in his eightieth year. Joseph Tatem, of Woodbury, died suddenly in his 75th year.

April 12—Mrs. Abigail, widow of the late David Eldridge, deceased in the 90th year of her age.

April 25—Carlton M. Keen, deceased.

May 2—Today bought twelve shares of stock of 1st Nat. Bank of Woodbury of Joseph L. Reeves at \$100. per share, with accrued interest of \$24. This I will get back again on the 1st of July.
Lewis Ringwalt, of Phila. and Miss Fannie Chew, daughter of Theodore and Sarah Chew, were married on the 20th ult.

May 7—Mr. Joseph Hurff, of Bethel, deceased this morning.

June 1—Charles F. Moffett and Miss Mary B. Sparks married at Swedesboro. Mary A. wife of Nathan Chew, deceased in her 75th year.

June 19—John Williams and Fannie Skinner were married today.

June 29—A comet is to be seen for a few evenings, a little west of north.

July 2—President Garfield was shot at half-past nine A. M. in the depot of the Baltimore and Potomac railroad in Washington, as he was about to take a train for his proposed visit to New England. Hopes for his recovery are entertained.

July 17—In Cincinnati, 150 have died from the heat in three days.

July 26—Charles (his son) broke ground last week for a store at 4th and Washington Streets in Camden. J. Rufus (another son) has bought out the grocery store at 3rd and Market Streets in Camden. Each one will then have three stores, all in Camden.

August 2—Bishop E. O. Haven deceased. Aged about 60 years.

August 13—Richard W. Eastlack departed this life today (his brother).

Sept. 10—A month ago disease fastened on the family of Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Wentzell, father, mother and eight children. Malignant typhoid. Mrs. Wentzell, son William (21), daughters Ida (15) daughter Lillian (14), four have gone since July 27, last.

George C. Clark, 73, deceased. Buried at Bethel.

Sept 15—Today attended Temperance Alliance meeting at Woodbury. Now there is fairly a third party in the field.

Sept. 18—Benjamin Packer deceased today. While train was crossing Westville bridge he was looking out the window, his head striking the bridge.

Sept. 19—James A. Garfield, the President of the United State, died from the effects of the pistol shot of the assassin Guiteau on the second day of July, last.

Sept. 26—Mrs. Sybilla Shute wife of William Shute, deceased, aged 75 years 10 mos. 3 days.

Oct. 5—Married, William A. Bodine of Trenton to Miss Lina Christine daughter of the officiating minister, Rev. W. W. Christine.

Oct. 2—Married Samuel Wallace, of Red Bank to Miss Amy S. Cattell, of Almonesson.

Oct. 16—The following were today received in full membership by the M. E. Church in Mantua:

Lily May Ballinger	Mary E. Long	Verna Morgan
Allie Henderson	Lizzie Eggie	Mamie Eldridge
Millie Colbert	Louiza B. Coombs	Mary Evans
Maggie Eggie	Mary C. Redrow	D. Wellington Kugler
Mulford Hewett	John D. Truncer	Linda Morgan
Robert A. Jester	Mary S. Cattell	

Dec. 7—Married today; Paul S. Heritage, M.D. to Miss Emma M. Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Clark of Wenonah.

Dec. 7—Helms V. Heritage deceased, aged 73 years.

Dec. 21—Hugh A. Long prophesies that WE WILL HAVE A FROST NEXT JUNE THAT WILL KILL ALL OF OUR VEGETABLES. Hope he is a false prophet. (Later note: "it PROVED false".)

Dec. 19—Mrs. Fannie Ringwalt, wife of Lewis Ringwalt and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Chew, deceased. Sick 13 hours.

Dec. 25—Beautiful day. 50o above zero. Wild strawberries in full blossom.

1882

Jan. 11—Rev. Calvin C. Eastlack (his son) pastor of the M. E. Church in Lower Penn's Neck, deceased, aged 51 years. His last visit home was Nov. 14 and 15 last. His last public address was at Elmer on Sept. 28, a 'temperance address'. Rev. Andrew Mesler deceased today at Clarksboro.

Jan. 29—Josiah Beckett of Woolwich Twsp. deceased.

Feb. 16—Rev. Joseph C. Summerill, deceased. Apoplexy.

Rev. John W. McDougal, deceased. Joseph Cooper born Apr. 21, 1812.

Feb. 17—Samuel M. Horner of Phila. deceased, aged 82.

Hugh Osler, of Phila. deceased on the 16th. Age 79 years.

James W. Pearce, of near Almonesson, deceased Feb. 13, aged 69.

Samuel Hendrickson and Miss Ida Hughes, married by Rev. W. W. Christine.

March 1—John Leppee and Miss Anna Watson, married by Rev. W. W. Christine.

March 21—Were married: Mr. Edward T. Bradway to Miss Fanny V. Watson, daughter of the late John M. Watson, all of Woodbury, N. J.

March 15—Mr. Louis H. Carre to Miss Hannah A. Dilks, both Mantua.

March 21—Mr. William C. Fox to Miss Martha T. Seran, both Gloucester City.

April 6—Mr. Harry Paris, of Philadelphia to Miss Sallie Perkins, Mantua by Rev. Mr. Atkinson of the M. E. Church in Mantua.

April 10—Mrs. Caroline, wife of Andrew Sweeten, deceased of pneumonia in her 61st year.

April 12—Daughter Hannah and self went to Washington, D. C. Returned on the 19th.

May 4—Thomas H. Whitney, Esq. of Glassboro was found dead today. He had fallen from his wagon near Glassboro and had rolled or slid into a pool of water. He was born Jan. 4, 1813. Age 69 years.

May 17—Today subscribed for the Philadelphia Record.

June 1—Charles C. Dilks and Miss Ella F. Allen were married today by Rev. Lewis Atkinson of the M. E. Church charge, all of Mantua.

Rev. Richard Skinner deceased March 12, 1882, aged 84 years.

William Henry Lewis, deceased June 29, 1882, aged 39 years.

July 10—David B. Shute of Jefferson deceased. Aged 73-10-30.

July 13—Bishop Levi Scott deceased this morning. He was born Oct. 11, 1802.

August 13—Joseph R. Norris deceased today in his 75th year.

Sept. 3—Charles Starn had a stroke. He lingered until the morning of the 27th inst. and then ceased to live. He was in his 83rd year.

Sept. 24—Several days of very heavy rain, said to total 13 inches. Many dams and bridges carried away.

Oct. 4—J. S. Eastlack's receipts in his two stores in the month of August last were \$10,037. That and better will do.

Oct. 8—Dr. G. W. Allen, deceased in his 67th year.

Oct. 10—Dr. Benjamin P. Howell deceased, in his 74th year.

Nov. 3—This evening Mrs. Anson S. Taylor (my daughter) presented her husband with a right new daughter. They call her Estella Lodge. Their home is in Washington, D. C.

Nov. 21—Mr. William T. Eldridge and Miss Sallie P. Madara were married by Rev. L. M. Atkinson.

Dec. 13—Calvin Richman, of Hurffville deceased, full of faith and the Holy Ghost, in his 81st year. He was born February, 1802.

Dec. 25—This afternoon Joseph Franklin Matlock of Westville, deceased. Two days later his widow, Mary Emma, who was daughter of Elwood and Elizabeth Clark, of Mantua, passed away. The entire family, father, mother and their two children all buried in less than 8 months—their race from marriage to the grave in less than three years.

Dec. 15—The following persons were received on probation in the M. E. Church by Pastor Atkinson: Mary E. Brunson, Anna S. Wolf, Anna E. Smith, Rachel Wood, Hannah Wood, Independence Baker, Mrs. Hannah L. Wood, Louisa D. Coombs, Ellas M. Wood, Edward E. Smith, Richard S. Wood, Albert Wilcox.

1883

Jan. 16—Presmul D. Hughes, Sr. deceased. Age 76 years 8 months.

Jan. 18—Joshua Sickler, Esq. of Chews Landing, deceased in his 78th year.

Jan. 25—Mrs. Sallie, wife of James H. Hutchinson, buried today at Mt. Zion Church. In her 48th year.

Jan. 28—Thomas J. Heritage deceased in Philadelphia in his 70th year.

March 2—John Carson deceased, in his 68th year.

March 24—Sarah Chew, widow of late Job K. Chew, deceased in her 75th year.

April 23—Isaac Carson, deceased aged 78.

May 12—John L. Bee found dead in his field where he had been harrowing. He had been in his house a few minutes earlier. In his 67th year.

June 7—Mr. Andrew Sweeten and Mrs. Kirtcher married at Mantua.

June 19—Married at Bridgeton: Samuel H. Gill to Miss Emma F. Hughes, youngest daughter of the late Presmul D. Hughes, of near Clarksboro, N. J.

July 9—John Grear of North Woodbury, deceased in his one hundredth year, being 99 years and 22 days old.

Elizabeth A. Stanger deceased. Her age about 35 years.

July 22—Mary Ann Walker deceased in her 87th year.

August 15—The corner stone for a new M. E. Church was laid at Wenonah. Bishop Simpson and others took part in the ceremonies.

August 17—Bought a bay colt 4 years old next month, good size, with a little white on the near hind foot, hoofs all black, mane, legs and tail all black. Kind and gentle in harness, but not much way-wise. (later note in pencil says: "Proved a fraud-sold him for \$65.00 less than cost".)

Sept. 9—Terrible storm at sea. Capt. Jesse Avis with a 400 ton three-masted schooner was overtaken by the storm. After contending three days the captain and six men took to their boats, and after 23 hours were picked up by a bark and taken to New York. Vessel and cargo a total loss of some \$30,000. No lives were lost.

Oct. 1—Dr. Paul S. Heritage deceased, aged 31.

Sept. 28—Mr. W. E. Schoch, of Woodbury and Miss Anna W. Turner of Mantua were married.

Nov. 3—Mrs. Sarah, widow of the late Joseph R. Norris, deceased.

Nov. 19—Asa G. Holdcraft, husband of my daughter Fannie, deceased.

Dec. 16—Mr. Fillmore Hughes and family today moved on our farm, lately occupied by the Holdcrafts.

Dec. 29—Benjamin H. Lodge deceased. In his 48th year.

1884

Jan. 1—Married by Rev. Mr. Atkinson, John Landis to Miss Sarah Cain, of five Points. His third wife. May they enjoy much happiness.

Jan. 2—Nathaniel Chew deceased this evening. In his 85th year since last April.

Jan. 26—John P. Eastlack, veterinary surgeon, died this morning. Age 39.

On Dec. 4, 1883, Presmul E. Dilks and Miss Beulah R. Mankin were married in Woodbury by Rev. J. Judson Pierson.

Jan. 25—John L. Chew deceased with paralysis, aged 54 years.

March 1—Mrs. Ann, widow of Jesse L. Eldridge, deceased.

March 10—Mrs. Mary, wife of John W. Downs, Esq. deceased.

March 12—Henry Kean deceased suddenly in Philadelphia while on the street, at about 9 A. M. Aged about 75.

March 22—During this week Samuel Thomas deceased at Camden of small pox. Mrs. Thomas is not dead, as reported.

March 21—Mrs. Sarah S. wife of Atmore E. Dilks, deceased. Her age was 71 years.

March 20—Dr. Joseph C. Weatherby of Clarksboro, deceased in his 72d year.

April 1—Bought a new carriage of Wm. A. Morgan. Weight 425 pounds. Cost \$165.

May 19—Thos. J. Burdon deceased today in his 76th year.

June 16—On Saturday two trains collided on the Atlantic Railroad near Ashland station. Eight persons killed and eleven or twelve badly injured. All from disobeying orders.

June 22—Rev. Matthew Simpson, beloved Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, deceased.

June 18—On this day Michael Potter became a centenarian. At his home in Willow Grove, Cumberland County, six generations of Potters, 200 of them and 2500 friends from Gloucester, Cumberland and Atlantic counties gathered in the grove by the side of the Methodist church at the head waters of Prince Maurice River. Mr. Potter said that he had voted for every President since Madison and that he expected to vote for Cleveland and Hendricks in November.

Bartholomew Coles, of Harrisonville, was among those present. Mr. Coles will be 100 years of age on July 7 of next year, 1885.

April 24—Deceased in her 64th year Mrs. Mary W. Clark, wife of William W. Clark. Funeral at their home near Wenonah. Interment at Bethel.

May 5—Our aunt, Mary Cawman of Frankford (Phila.) deceased. Aged 99 years and nine months.

May 20—Honorable Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, late Secretary of State, in Washington, deceased today. He was from New Jersey.

June 8—Dr. Thomas Sailer, of Mullica Hill, deceased in Philadelphia.

July 1—Mrs. Ann Hendrickson, widow of the late Jonathan. She was 89 years of age last Feb. 12.

July 6—Acquilla B. Shute, deceased in his 83rd year.

August 11—John W. Downs, Esq., deceased in his 62nd year.

Sept. 14—Today they broke ground for the new Gloucester County Court House at Woodbury.

Oct. 28—Alfred Down, of Camden and Miss Kate Walls, of Philadelphia (from newspaper), married. Thomas P. Eldridge of Mantua and Miss Martha H. Felt of Merchantville, married.

Nov. 23—Mrs. Grace Shoemaker, wife of Charles Shoemaker, deceased in her 62nd year.

Dec. 8—William H. Vanderbilt, the Railroad King, died of apoplexy in New York, aged 64 years. Said to be worth \$190,000,000.

Dec. 18—SOLD MY FARM to August Cook, containing 95½ acres, at \$50. per acre, and on the 22nd I sold the same man my meadow at Re-
paupo, 8 acres @ \$60. per acre. Deed for the farm is to be made to Henry M. Mullen and that for the meadow to John H. Lock.

1886

Jan. 2—This morning at about the hour of three Mrs. Edith Hughes, wife of Fillmore Hughes, presented him with a fine pair of twin boys. One they call Presmul D. and the other Thomas R. Adams. The combined weight when 24 hours old was 17¼ lbs.

Feb. 7—Mrs. Maggie, wife of Albert Trenchard, M.D. of Mantua, deceased today.

Mrs. Sarah Pancoast, wife of Nathan Pancoast, died July 25, 1885 aged 79 years 7 mos.

March 22—John McClure, aged 77, died at his home near Wenonah. Joseph Sweeten, aged 75, deceased. Burial Mantua Cem. March 26.

June 24—A retired Methodist clergyman Rev. John P. Curtice, who is 35 years of age and lives at Greenland, Camden County, was married to Mrs. L. P. Hoover, of same place. This was the third matrimonial venture of the venerable clergyman, who was born Jan. 27, 1800. She is 65.

July 23—Made William Wallace and wife a visit at their home in Paulsboro.

August 29—Rev. Joseph Ashbrook deceased in his 77th year. Heart Disease.

Sept. 25—Mrs. Mary A. Leppee, wife of Henry Leppee, deceased, age 46.

Sept. 26—Joseph A. Clark deceased in his 80th year.

Sept. 28—Mr. Joseph Turner, of Turnerville, deceased. Age 75.
Buried Bethel.

Oct. 12—Mrs. Sarah H., widow of the late Presmul D. Hughes, deceased.

Oct. 25—John Hackett deceased at his home in Mantua.

Nov. 7—Mrs. Mary L. wife of George W. Driver, in the 75th year of her age.

Dec. 1—Mr. William Shute had a stroke Nov. 24th, and lingered until this morning. He was 70 years old last Oct. 11.

Dec. 6—Mrs. Ann Crist deceased. Buried Dec. 10.

1885

Jan. 18—Mrs. Mary P. Sparks, widow of the late William C. Sparks, deceased today in the 71st year of her age. William C. Sparks was buried Sept. 19, 1872. Deceased about Sept. 16, 1872.

Feb. 5—Joseph Jessup, Esq. died suddenly this morning. 83 years old last June.

David Eldridge died at 1138 Poplar St. Philadelphia, aged about 70. He was born Feb. 9, 1885. Buried in Mantua cemetery.

Feb. 9—Samuel P. Loudenslager deceased Feb. 9, 1885, aged 66 years.

Feb. 23—Cooper Middleton deceased, aged 68 years.

March 5—Henrietta Heritage, wife of Joseph Heritage. Age 74 years 4 mos. Buried at Bethel.

April 1—Anna Nicholson, wife of Edward W. Kier, deceased in the 35th year of her age.

April 11—Doctor John R. Sickler died in his 86th year.

Mrs. Isabella, wife of Thomas R. Adams deceased.

July 4—Mrs. Anna M. wife of David C. Jessup, deceased.

Mrs. Abigail, widow of the late James Jessup, Jr., buried today. Age 85.

August 21—Hannah, wife of Jos. Miller, deceased today. Burial at Cedar Hill, in Frankford, on Aug. 25. She was daughter of the late William and Ann Jones of Mantua. Age 46.

Sept. 13—Mr. Richard Madara and Mrs. Hannah R. Lewis, both of Mantua were married in Camden, by Rev. John Y. Dobbins.

Oct. 4—Joseph Paulin, in the 71st year of his age, deceased after a short illness. Burial at Glassboro on Oct. 8.

1887

Jan 27—Mrs. John Daniels died at sunrise, aged 74 yr.

John W. Fletcher, of Phila. deceased this evening. Funeral Jan 31.

Feb. 10—Married: Henry Leppee, Esq. and Mrs. Rebecca Bradshaw, both of Mantua.

Feb. 1—Rev. J. S. Gaskill deceased in the afternoon.

Feb. 1—John Green was killed by a car at Clarksboro.

March 4—Mrs. Anna S., widow of the late Isaac C. Dilks, deceased. Age 77.

March 9—Nathan T. Stratton, Esq. deceased March 9, 1887. Age 73.

March 10—Married this evening: Mr. Charles Shoemaker and Kate Sickler.

April 11—Mary J. Chew deceased, aged about 84 years.

April 3—Rev. Nathan S. Chew, son of Nathan Chew, born Dec. 1, 1836, and deceased Apr. 3, 1887.

This is to record that Dr. William C. Eastlack, son of Richard W. and Sarah Eastlack, deceased Feb. 26, 1887. (a nephew of the diarist.ED.)

April 18—John Haines, son of Isaac Haines, deceased, age 68 years.

April 19—George Morgan deceased.

April 26—I have just learned that the vessel of William Joseph foundered about 12 miles off Cape Charles, in 10 or 12 fathoms. He perished, but his two sons on board were saved.

May 16—Put my mare to pasture at John Jessup's at one dollar per week.

(LAST ENTRY IN DIARY)

John C. Eastlack died October 13, 1888.

CENTENNIAL CAMP MEETING

1866 - 1878

An Almost Forgotten Institution of Gloucester County

The religious camp meeting is a distinctively American institution, and goes back at least to the early years of the "eighteen-hundreds." The pioneers of our country lived lonely lives, and camp meetings were popular because they afforded one avenue of escape from the drabness, toil and dangers of their daily grind, and the opportunity to become acquainted with other lonely families or individuals. Some of the biographers of Abraham Lincoln (who was born in 1809), state that Lincoln's mother was very fond of camp meetings. It is known that such meetings were numerous as far west as Kentucky and Illinois.

Methodism dates back to the days of John and Charles Wesley at Oxford University, England, in 1729. The first Methodist chapel was erected in Bristol, England, in 1739, and the first Methodist society in the new world was established in New York in 1766.

The first Methodist society or church in Gloucester County, New Jersey, was established in 1770 in the locality now known as Hurffville, and was named "Bethel." As the years passed on it came to be affectionately known as "Old Bethel."

The year of 1866 was celebrated by the Methodist world as the one-hundredth anniversary of Methodism in America, and "Old Bethel" decided to hold a camp meeting as its method of honoring the event.

They called it "Centennial Camp Meeting."

A committee was appointed to prepare plans, and the 167-acre farm and woodland of John D. Turner, a member of the church and of the committee, was selected as a suitable location. It lies about one and one-half miles south of Barnsboro, and may be easily identified in this day by reason of the fact that the Pitman Airport now occupies the southern half of the tract. The farm is now owned, (1952), by John Parker Heritage.

The camp was laid out in the form of a wheel, with avenues radiating from the auditorium in the center. The vision of the committee is proven by the fact that the attendance at the camp greatly exceeded the general expectation. On some days the attendance was from 10,000 to 15,000 persons. Many distinguished preachers inspired the devout Methodists, and the famous Bishop Simpson occupied the pulpit on several occasions.

More than 80 years have elapsed since 1876, and there are few persons

now living who have personal recollections of what the camp was like. Mr. W. Stewart Dilks, of Pitman, is one of these.

We find a detailed description of the camp in the diary of John C. Eastlack. He was, in 1866, a member of the Methodist Church in the village of Mantua, (known, until 1866, as Carpenter's Landing).

He recorded his daily activities from January 1, 1854 until his death in 1888. His diaries reflect the life of his neighborhood and his character as a citizen and an observer. He lived an active life, first as a shipbuilder, and later as a locally famous maker of log pumps. Each evening he recorded his own activities and the news of the day, local and national. Births, deaths, marriages, barn raisings, moving, housewarmings, vendues, funerals, church services, fires, crimes, (there were very few in those days), national news, class meetings, "extra meetings", with names of new church members; no news escaped his notice.

These are Mr. Eastlack's observations of the First Year of the Centennial Camp Meeting near Barnsboro, in 1866, as recorded in his diary:

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| Tuesday
Aug. 7, 1866 | "This morning finished up a pump, and then took the team and went to Elijah Eastlack's and brought home a pump log.
"Afternoon—went to Camp Meeting on John D. Turner's farm near Clark's Mill. |
| Wednesday
Aug. 8, 1866 | "In afternoon went to Camp Meeting. Preaching by Rev. Mr. Inskip, of New York. |
| Thursday
Aug. 9, 1866 | "Today attending the Centennial Camp Meeting. Preaching this morning by Rev. Mr. Mattison of the Newark Conference. Afternoon, Rev. Mr. Bartine of the Philadelphia Conference. This morning we had a slight shower before day, which lay the dust for awhile. Afternoon, a high northwest wind which rendered it rather unpleasant. |
| Friday
Aug. 10, 1866 | "Today attending the great Centennial Camp Meeting of the New Jersey Conference, near Barnsboro. There are from 300 to 400 tents on the grounds. The Centenary Sermon was preached this morning by Rev. Mr. Heisler of Trenton, N. J. This afternoon was spent in addresses from distinguished individuals on the Centenary of Methodism in the United States of America. The text of the morning sermon was Isaiah, 60-22: "One shall become |

a thousand and a small one a great nation." May God Bless the Camp, and make it a Great Blessing Spiritually to the People.

Saturday
Aug. 11, 1866 "Today we are attending the Camp Meeting. Preaching by the Rev. Mr. Ballard in the morning. Rev. Mr. King in the afternoon.

Sunday
Aug. 12, 1866 "Today we all hands went to the great Centennial Camp Meeting. It was very large indeed. Perhaps 10,000 people in attendance today. There are 432 tents, besides many sleeping tents. There are many avenues running from the main circle out in all directions. I counted on one side of the Avenue 18 tents. Quite a long street!

Tuesday
Aug. 14, 1866 "This forenoon called at the Camp a little while and then went to the woods to look after some pump logs. I then went to Glassboro and then back to the Camp and then home about 1 P. M.

Wednesday
Aug. 15, 1866 "Self went to Camp Meeting."

Second Summer, 1877

Monday
Aug. 5, 1867 "This is the anniversary of my birth. I am fifty-nine years old today and enjoy good health and strength through the blessing of God. The day a very pleasant one. In the evening Mrs. E., James R. and self went over to the camp meeting that commenced today in Brother John D. Turner's woods, one and one-half miles beyond Barnsboro. Heard a good sermon by a stranger. We then had a good prayer-meeting, after which we had an exhortation by Bishop Simpson, D.D.

Aug. 6, 1867 Preaching in morning: by Mr. Crate of Paulsboro. Text: Acts 17-23.

Preaching in evening: by Rev. Mr. Lippincott.

Aug. 7, 1867 Preaching by Rev. Mr. Maulsbury.

Aug. 8, 1867 Preaching in 2 tents by Rev. Mr. Chalker, Rev. Mr. Brown, Rev. Mr. Norris, Rev. Mr. Tullis. "The Meeting is Progressing Most Gloriously. Praise the Lord!"

Aug. 9, 1867 Preaching by Rev. T. Soveren, Rev. Mr. Maulsbury, Rev. Sylvester Chew.

- Aug. 10, 1867 Preaching by Rev. Dr. Mattson, Rev. Mr. Norris, Rev. C. C. Eastlack (son of the diarist).
- Aug. 11, 1867 Preaching by Rev. Charles Whitecar, Professor Willson, of West Va. University, and Rev. Mr. Gillmore. (Mr. Whitecar's text: Eccl. 2d Chap. and 3 to 11th verse.)
- Monday
Aug. 12, 1867 Morning preaching by Bishop Simpson — 2d Tim., 1st & 10th verses. "It was the Greatest Sermon I ever listened to." Afternoon sermon, Rev. Mr. Hitchens.

Third Summer, 1868

- Aug. 5, 1868 In afternoon, visited the camp ground near Barnsboro, where the Camp Meeting is to commence Aug. 12, and to continue until the 20th. Large preparations are being made.
- Aug. 7, 1868 Erected tent for use of family.
- Aug. 12, 1868 Went to camp meeting.
- Aug. 13, 1868 Went to camp meeting.
- Aug. 15, 1868 This morning we shut up house and all started to camp. Preaching in morning by G. R. Morris: Afternoon by Rev. Mr. Ballard.
- Sunday
Aug. 16, 1868 Today family at Camp Meeting. Preaching by Dr. Mattison on Sanctification.
There was a very large concourse of people, estimated at 15,000.
- Aug. 17, 1868 Self went to Camp in afternoon.
- Aug. 19, 1868 Self went to Camp Meeting.

Fourth Summer, 1869

Date: Thursday, July 22, 1869

Self still unwell. Afternoon; went to Camp Ground near Barnsboro to select a site for a tent.

The Committee sold privileges for:

Cake and Bread Stand to Mr. Andrew Turner, for	\$355.00
Ice Cream Stand #1 to Mr. F. S. Parker, for	360.00
Ice Cream Stand #2 to Mr. John Avis, for	225.00
Hay and Feed Stand to Mr. E. W. Bakely, for	200.00

Meat Stand to Mr. Mattson, for	35.00
Barber Shop to Mr. Charles Johnson, for	12.50

- Aug. 9, 1869 Today building tent on camp ground of John C. Turner, near Barnsboro.
- Aug. 11, 1869 Today moved to Camp Meeting. The Encampment is very large. Rev. J. Stites preached in the evening.
- Aug. 12, 1869 At Camp Meeting; preaching, Rev. C. C. Eastlack. Afternoon: Rev. Mr. Gray.
- Aug. 13 & 14 Sunday We were all at camp.
"Today we are all at the Camp Meeting. Of all the
- Aug. 15, 1869 camps I have ever seen, this is the largest. 412 tents, and still building more. The woods is literally full. One boarding house fed 1000 for dinner. A better sermon than was preached this afternoon by Rev. Mr. Brown, of Troy, N. Y., from Romans 1-16, I Never Heard From Any Man! I thank the Lord that I had the privilege to hear it."
- Aug. 16, 17 Mrs. E. and self at camp. Good preaching and excellent
and 18, 1869 prayer meetings.
- Aug. 19, 1869 "Today we all moved home from Camp."

Fifth Summer, 1870

- Aug. 17, 1870 Mr. Eastlack records that "some of us went to Centennial Camp, but there were not nearly so many in attendance as last year."
- There is no further mention of Centenary Camp Meeting until Aug. 21, 1874, when he writes: "Afternoon at Camp Meeting on Centenary Ground. The Mercury 98° in the shade."
- This is his final reference.

Subsequent History of Centennial Camp Meeting

Further information is found in the diary of Rebecca Turner (the wife of John C. Turner, who was a member of the Committee in charge of the Camp), which appears on pages 134 to 148 of the History of Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church, published in 1945, edited by Hazel B. Simpson.

The following extracts complete the story:

- Wednesday Emma is all packed up for camp, but the rain kept her
 Aug. 1, 1877 back. (John D. Turner's)
 Aug. 2, 1877 Emma got off with her tent today, and so did Lib. Turn-
 er go with her tent.
 Aug. 3, 1877 John and I went to camp this morning. Small camp.
 More tents this year, but they look right comfortable.
 Sunday All went to camp but me and Fido.
 Aug. 5, 1877
 Wednesday Camp breaking up today.
 Aug. 8, 1877

The final item in the history of the camp is recorded in Rebecca Turner's diary, as follows:

Nov. 13, 1878 "John C. went to Camp Ground. They sold every-
 thing belonging to the Camp. They sold well, too, they said. (J. D. Turn-
 er's Camp Centennial)"

Centennial Camp Meeting was so successful that, in 1870, another
 group of men tried to purchase it. The owner of the ground, Mr. John D.
 Turner, refused, so the group purchased another tract about two miles
 distant, and there established their camp meeting, under the auspices of
 the New Jersey Conference. It was opened in 1871.

On June 16, 1871, Mr. John C. Eastlack made the following entry
 in his diary:

"This afternoon I went to the new Camp Ground, called PITMAN
 GROVE."

EARLIER CAMP MEETINGS

The following items appeared in the *Columbian Herald*, published
 in Woodbury from 1819 to 1834, and in its successor, the *Woodbury Con-
 stitution*, which began publication in 1834.

- 1827 Large camp meeting at Carpenter's Landing, in August.
- 1828 A Methodist camp meeting at Blackwoodtown.
- 1834 A Methodist camp meeting at Paulsboro.
- 1835 A camp meeting (no denom. stated), commencing July 31 on
 land of Israel Ewing, near Squankum (now Williamstown).

- 1836 A Methodist camp meeting, commencing August 15, on land of Judge Cooper, between Haddonfield and Long-a-coming, about three miles from Haddonfield.
- 1836 A "woods meeting" was held at the "usual place" near Barnsboro, Sept. 17 and 18. (No other details stated.)
- 1837 A camp meeting at the "old camp ground", near Haddonfield. Also one at Bethel. Another at Paulsboro. Also one on the road leading from Mays Landing to Absecon.
- 1838 A large camp meeting on Fisler's ground, near Glassboro, commencing July 20.
A camp meeting was held at Josiah Heritage's, near Bethel, Aug. 10, by the "Old Society."
The Reformed Methodists held one, commencing Aug. 16, "both of them extending over Sunday."
- 1839 A camp meeting commencing Sept. 5, 1839, by the M. E. Church, on the grounds of Stille Chew, near Carpenter's Landing. Protestant Methodists held camp meeting at Barnsboro, commencing Aug. 15.
- 1840 Protestant Methodist camp meeting in the grove at Bridgeport. Also one at Barnsboro.
- 1840 The Methodists held camp meeting at Paulsboro, on ground of John B. Miller, commencing Sept. 8.
The Bargaintown Circuit Methodists held camp meeting in August.
- 1842 The Protestant Methodists held a "protracted meeting" in the grove at Barnsboro schoolhouse, commencing Sept. 16.
- 1843 Camp Meeting held at Swedesboro. Another at Malaga.
- 1844 Protestant Methodist camp meeting at Drivers Mill, near Barnsboro.
Another meeting of the same denomination was held on grounds of John Sheets, near Bridgeport.
- 1854 John C. Eastlack records in his diary that he attended a camp meeting near Paulsboro.
- 1858 The Harrisonville and Mullica Hill camp meeting was held on ground of Samuel Bates.

Colored or African Camp Meetings

- 1821 Negroes held a camp meeting at Snow Hill, two miles from Had-

donfield, commencing Aug. 16. Several persons were hurt. One succumbed to his injuries.

1823 Aug. 22, on Crown Point Road, near Buck Tavern.

1826 African camp meeting announced to begin Sept. 7, on a piece of woodland owned by William Hugg, on the road leading from Mt. Ephraim to Haddonfield.

1824 Colored camp meeting on ground of David Morgan, near Timber Creek.

1828 A bush meeting of the colored part of the Society of Methodists, held in the Newbold woods about two miles from Woodbury.

1840 A colored camp meeting held at Chew's Landing.
Also one at Carpenter's Landing.

1842 The Zion, the Zoar, and the John Wesleyan churches of Philadelphia held an African camp meeting at Chew's Landing.

1843 Camp Meeting at Chew's Landing.



Photograph from the historical collection of MR. JAMES T. SHUSTER
The pulpit at CENTENNIAL CAMP MEETING, erected amidst the trees.
At least forty ministers in clerical garb are shown standing upon the platform.
The occasion is probably one of the several visits that were made by BISHOP MATTHEW SIMPSON.

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